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COST OF WAR TO GERMANY

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Berne, To-day.

Germany is spending 3,500,000,000 marks a month on the war, reports the Berlin correspondent of the "Neue Zuercher Zeitung," who points out that in the Great War Germany spent only 2,000,000,000 marks a month.

Despite its assurances to the contrary, the German Government is compelled to meet the deficit by taxation.

Since the beginning of hostilities the tax on corporations has increased 200 per cent. and income tax 50 per cent.

The high fiscality is justified by financial needs but also by the Nazi policy of tending to decrease the people's buying capacity, as no goods are available in the Reich.

The correspondent foresees in the near future that the low-salaried man will have only enough money to cover rent and food expenses, while all other money he is able to get will be transformed into taxes and compulsory loans.—Havas.

MINES EXPLODE AT CHEUNGCHAU

Two mines are reported to have exploded early yesterday morning on the shores of Cheung Chau Island, causing damage to the Cheungchau Police Station.

The first mine exploded at about 1.10 a.m., smashing glass windows in the coolies' quarter, and five minutes later, the second exploded, damaging the wall plaster in the room of the officer-in-charge.

SOVIET MANAGERS FACE THE MUSIC

Moscow, To-day.

The official newspaper "Pravda" yesterday contained a long list of names of officials and works managers who have been called upon to appear before the People's Tribunal to answer charges of failure to maintain production levels.—Reuter.

WEATHER FORECAST:—North and West winds, moderate to fresh sea.

Helsinki, To-day.

A TERRIFIC BOMBARDMENT of the Mannerheim Line, with huge guns shelling from a range of probably 25 miles has introduced a new factor into the fighting in Finland.

The violence of the explosions at first gave the impression that bombers high in the clouds were dropping 1,000-lb bombs, but when two or three of the missiles failed to explode and were examined, they proved to be shells of heavy calibre fired, experts estimated, from at least 25 miles.

The bombardment was concentrated on the central sector of the Mannerheim Line. It started on the evening of Christmas Day and continued all day yesterday at the rate of about forty shells an hour, suggesting that the Soviets have positioned a battery of heavy guns in front of the Mannerheim Line.

At the same time, a heavy attack was launched, with artillery, tanks and planes co-operating on the Mannerheim Line nearer the coast.

An official Finnish communique states that all attacks were repulsed, some 60 machine-guns were captured and numerous tanks immobilised.

Seven hundred Russian dead were counted after the engagement.

The eastern front was quiet, with patrol activity, but further north, 26

Soviet tanks were disabled in a Red Army attack.

WIDESPREAD AIR RAIDS

Helsinki was bombed, as were nearly all the coastal ports in the Gulf of Finland and Gulf of Bothnia. It is estimated that at least 400 Soviet planes took part in yesterday's raids, spread over a wide area, and between 26 and 32 were shot down by Finnish fighters or anti-aircraft gunfire.

Effect of the Soviet raids was negligible as they were concentrated on towns which had been almost completely evacuated.—Reuter.

SWEDEN TO JOIN IN: RUMOUR

Copenhagen, To-day.
It is being freely rumoured, though no official sanction for the report is forthcoming, that Sweden is likely soon to enter the Soviet-Finnish war on the side of Finland.—Reuter.

PLANE LOST IN VIOLENT STORM

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Casablanca, To-day.

Investigations show that the Italian aeroplane which crashed near here with the loss of seven lives was compelled to make a forced landing in a fierce storm.

The plane rolled 100 yards before crashing head-on into the mountain slope.

The fuel tank exploded, setting the craft on fire and burning the occupants to death.—Havas.

SOVIET GIVES NAZIS A SHOCK

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

PARIS, TO-DAY.

IT IS RELIABLY LEARNED THAT GERMAN DIPLOMATS IN MOSCOW RECEIVED AN UNPLEASANT SHOCK WHEN THE RUSSIANS RECENTLY REQUESTED THEM TO DELIVER TO THE RED ARMY A NEW MODEL AUTOMATIC WEAPON RECENTLY COMPLETED IN GERMANY AND STILL SHROUDED IN THE DEEPEST SECRECY.

THE REQUEST INDICATED THAT THE RUSSIAN INTELLIGENCE SERVICE POSSESSES SOURCES OF INFORMATION IN THE HIGHEST GERMAN MILITARY AND POLITICAL SPHERES.—Havas.

AUSTRALIA TO OPEN LEGATION IN U.S.

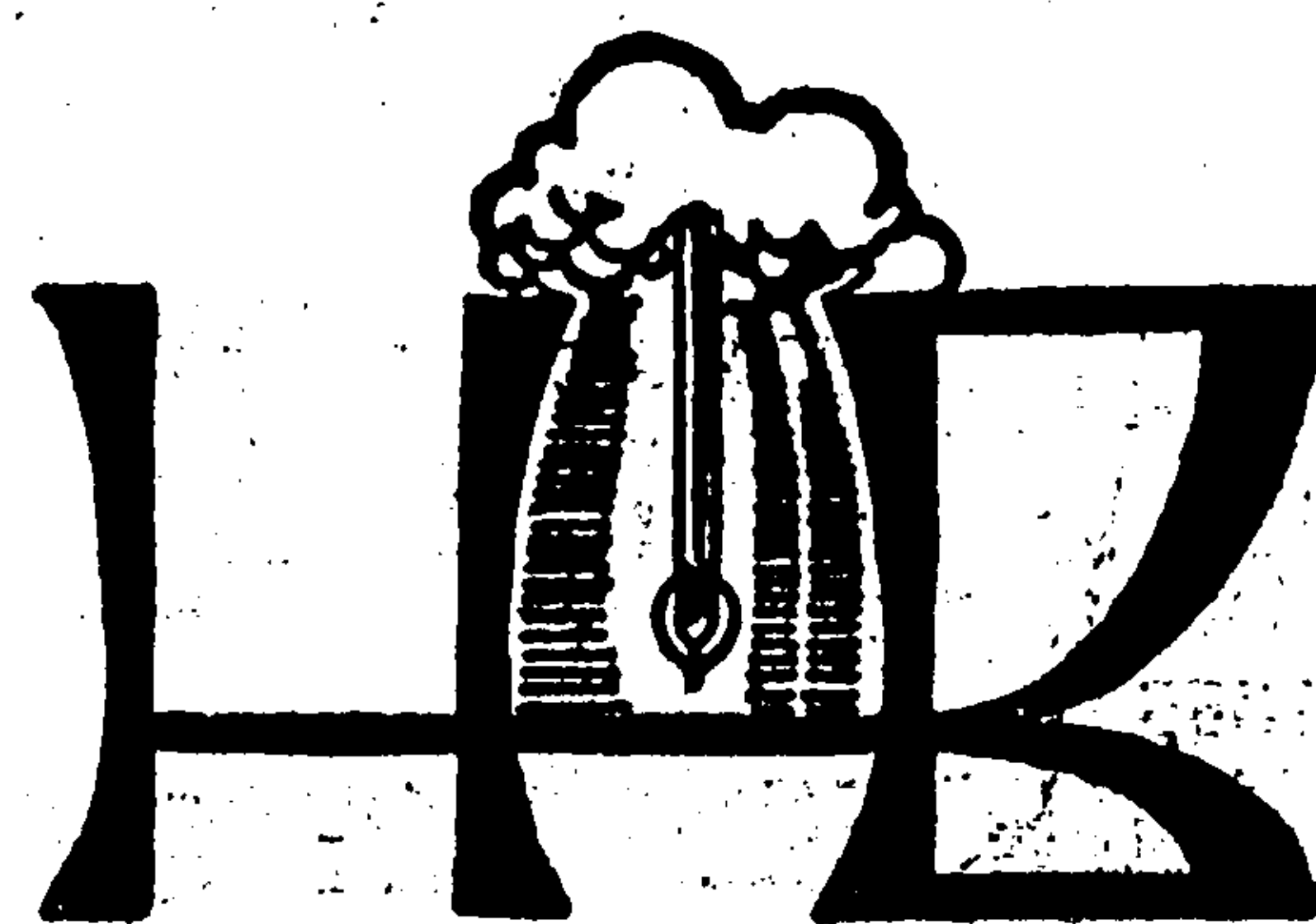
(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Washington, To-day.

It is officially announced that Australia is to open a Legation in Washington in the near future.

First Minister to the United States will be the Hon. Richard Gardiner Casey, D.S.O., M.C., at present Minister of the Treasury.—Havas.

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London, To-day.

THE MEN OF THE FIRST squadron of the Royal Australia-
lian Air Force to arrive in England since the outbreak
of war, were received with a civic welcome by the Mayor
at their port of landing.

They are fully trained and represent all branches of the ser-
vice, but before going on active service will undergo fur-
ther training in England.

They will be attached to an R.A.F.
squadron but will retain their Aus-
tralian identity.

Wing Commander W. V. Lachal
who is in command of the squadron
was among those who met the men
on their arrival.

Air Commodore T. E. B. Howe, in
welcoming them on behalf of the
British Air Minister said: "We all
have been greatly impressed in this
country with the ready response
which Australia has made to the
Empire air training scheme and also
the part she is taking in the produc-
tion of aircraft independently of
the home country."

The Air Commodore also convey-
ed a cordial welcome on behalf of
the Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief
of the Coastal command.

He also read the men a message
from the Australian High Commis-
sioner in which he said: "Your safe
arrival has given great pleasure both
in Great Britain and Australia. You
are the representatives of an air
force which has already established
for itself an honourable tradition in
which you are associated with the
Royal Air Force. You will I know
maintain that tradition."

A message from the Australian Air
Minister reads "a great responsibility
rests upon you. You will be com-
rades in a great and just campaign
with the men of the R.A.F. and Aus-
tralia is confident you will play your
part in whatever sphere you may
called upon to serve. The people of
Australia will follow your activities
with the keenest interest and will look
forward to your safe return when
your task is done. May the best of
good fortune attend you in this en-
terprise."—British Wireless.

ALLIED LOSSES IN THE WAR

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

PARIS, TO-DAY.

FRENCH LOSSES UP TO NOVEM-
BER 30 TOTALLED 1,434 KILLED,
AND BRITISH LOSSES IN THE

R.A.F. ATTACK NAZI NAVAL UNITS

London, To-day.

The Air Ministry announces that
"throughout Christmas Day, the
R.A.F. continued, with unrelaxed
vigilance, their patrols covering our
fishing fleets in the North Sea.

Certain of our aircraft observed
German patrol vessels in the eastern
North Sea area.

These vessels opened fire on our
aircraft which took retaliatory bomb-
ing action. Hits were not observed
and no damage was done to our air-
craft."—British Wireless.

WATER RENTS TO BE QUARTERLY

A Bill amending the Waterworks
Ordinance is to be introduced in Le-
gislative Council to-morrow.

The principal purpose of the amend-
ing Ordinance is to provide for the
fixing of water rents quarterly in-
stead of annually and to collect them
quarterly.

It is intended to bring the new
scheme into force as from January 1,
1940.

SAME PERIOD AMOUNTED TO
2,519.

Commenting on the figures, the
spokesman of the French General
Staff yesterday declared they were
the best answer to German propa-
ganda pretending that France alone
bears the brunt of the war.—Havas.

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ADMIRAL DARLAN'S MESSAGE TO THE FRENCH NAVY

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

ADMIRAL OF THE FLEET Francois Darlan, Commander-in-Chief of the French Navy, has sent the following message to the Fleet:—

"After four months of war I take the opportunity of the coming New Year to express to the naval forces satisfaction at the results obtained through the Fleet's silent perseverance and high sense of duty.

OPERATIONS ON ALL CHINA FRONTS

Chungking, To-day.

The Chinese forces in Suiyuan on Christmas Eve broke through the Japanese lines and reached the suburbs of Kweisui, capital of Suiyuan, where fighting is going on, according to Chinese reports.

After the occupation of Pantou by the Chinese on December 21, the Japanese troops at Tachingshan rushed reinforcements to the town, but the detachments were ambushed by the Chinese.

The Japanese, supported by artillery and aircraft, are said to have launched a counter-attack on December 24, but are reported to have been driven back.

In Kwangtung and Kwangsi the Japanese are now counter-attacking, Chinese despatches state.

After the occupation of Chingan, north-west of Nanchang, by the Chinese, the Japanese forces at Fengsin are said to have counter-attacked and recaptured Chingan city from the Chinese following street fighting.

The Chinese are now holding on in

"In close co-operation with the valiant British Fleet we have assured the integrity of the maritime routes which link together the parts of the French Empire and which allow our country to rely on world resources thanks to the merchant marine, to which I am happy to pay tribute.

"I salute the memory of those dead on board warships or naval aircraft, and address to all of you best wishes and the assurance that I have not lost sight of the dangers which war conditions impose on so many.

"The sea defenders of our country and civilisation must start this New Year with the certainty that moral forces are invincible and victory will crown our efforts."—Havas.

A car belonging to Sub-Lieut. Wood, R.N. was stolen from outside the Civil Service Cricket Club between 3 and 4 p.m. yesterday.

the hills south-west of the town.

KWANGTUNG FIGHTING

In Kwangtung, the Japanese forces north of Canton are reported to be pushing northward in three columns in a counter-offensive.

One column, advancing northward along the Canton-Hankow railway towards Yuantang, is stated to have crossed the Pa River on Sunday.

Another column is reported to be moving towards Tsunghua, east of the railway, while a third column is pushing towards Lungmoon to encircle Tsunghua from the north-east.

In south-east Shansi the Chinese claim the occupation of Lichen on December 23, and of Tungyangkwan the following day. — Reuter.

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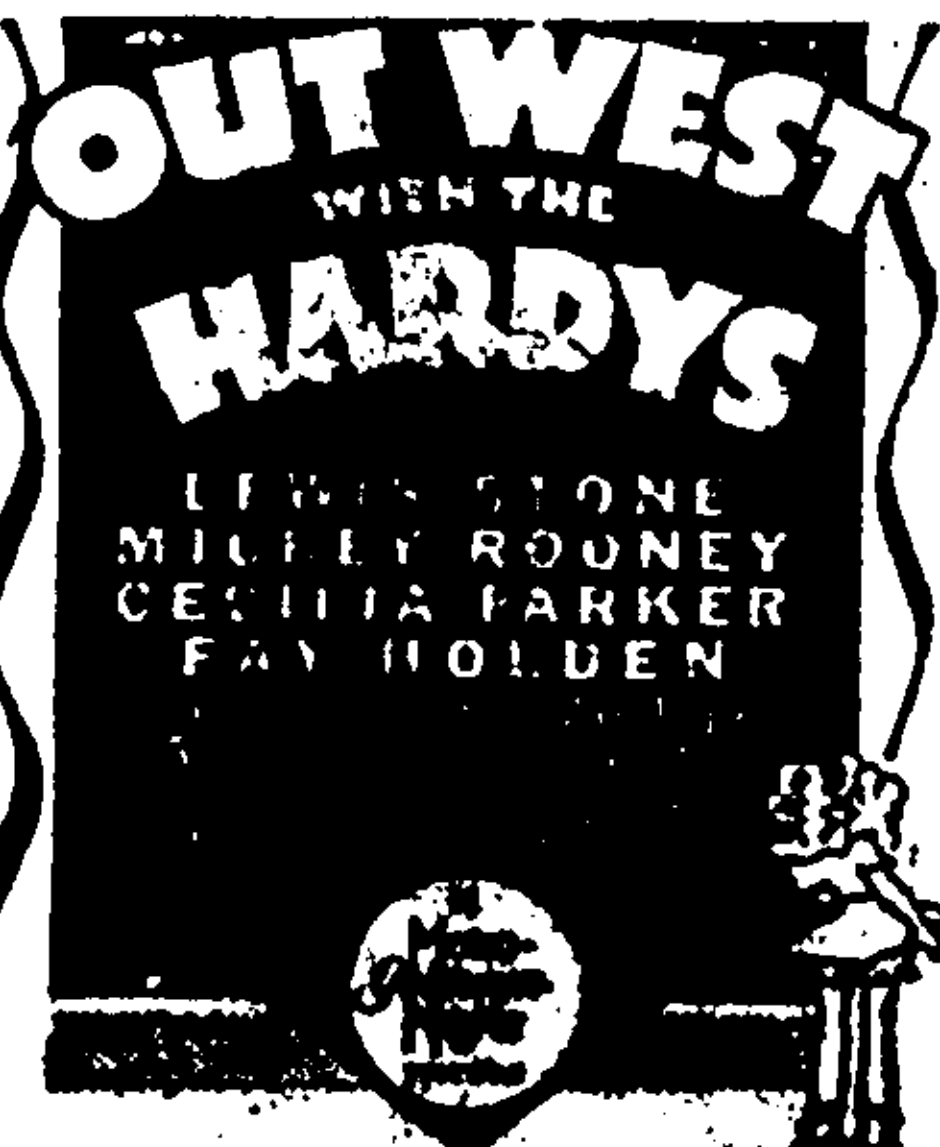
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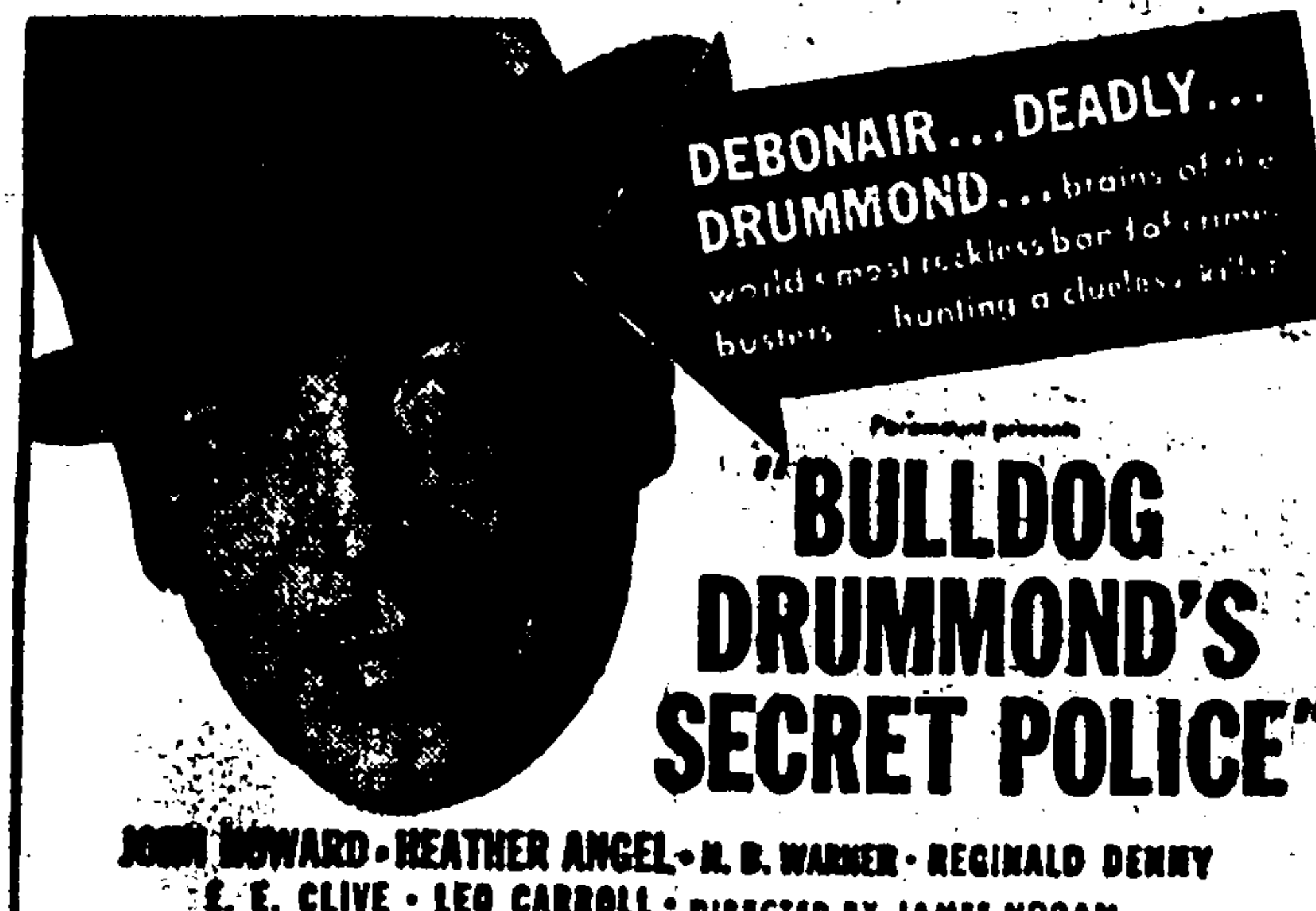
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THE PRISONER OF LUXEMBURG

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Luxemburg, To-day.

The Grand Duchy of Luxemburg has only one "prisoner of war" — a British pilot, who after a dog fight with Nazi planes wanted to land at a French airport and came down at Esch aerodrome by mistake.

In accordance with international law, the British plane was seized and the pilot interned to the end of hostilities.

"Our war prisoner" became during Christmas the most popular person in Luxemburg.

Many subjects of the Grand Duchy expressed their sympathy for the Allies by sending food, cigars, books and even flowers, to the interned British officer.—Havas.

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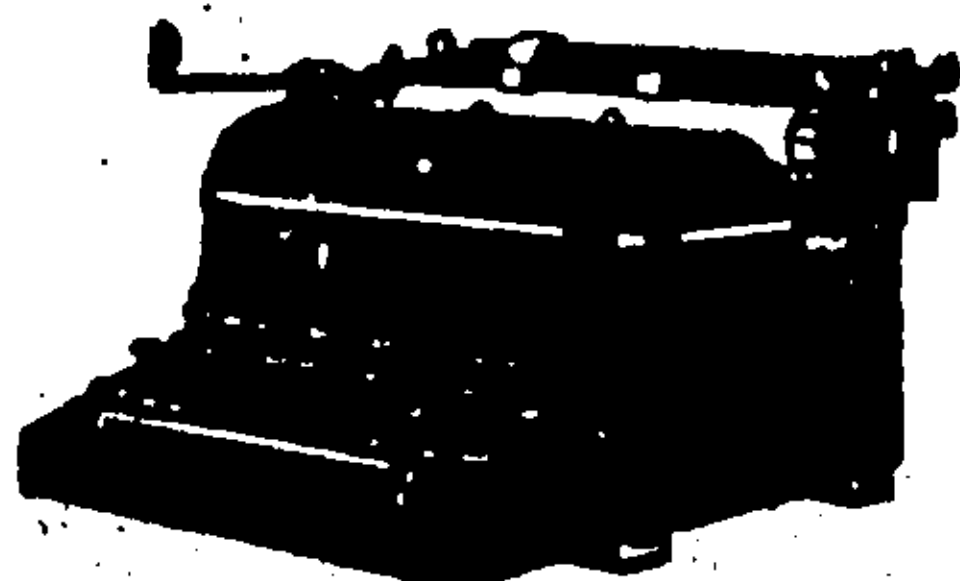
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(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Dublin, To-day.

IN A RADIO ADDRESS to the United States yesterday, the Eire Premier, Mr. Eamonn de Valera, suggested that Eire and the United States propose a conference of leaders of the belligerent countries.

He said the United States and Eire sympathised with the peoples undergoing the horrors of war, and were conscious that modern warfare would bring an aftermath of long years of suffering and starvation.

"It is imperative," he declared, "to arrive at some settlement now."

"At the end of the war it will be necessary to attempt a settlement through conference."

"Common sense suggests an attempt to gather such a conference now before the ravages of war are fully felt." — Havas.

New York, To-day.

Mr. de Valera's broadcast was given a prominent display in the "New York Times" but it secured very little space in other American newspapers. — Reuter.

FRANCO-SPANISH RAILWAYS TO RESUME

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Madrid, To-day.

It is officially announced that traffic on all railway lines linking France and Spain will be re-established on January 1, 1940. — Havas.

U.S. SHIPS TO REGISTER IN NORWAY?

WASHINGTON, TO-DAY.

THE UNITED STATES LINES ARE TO FORWARD AN APPLICATION TO THE MARITIME COMMISSION FOR PERMISSION TO SELL EIGHT VESSELS TO THE NORWEGIAN FIRM, NORTH ATLANTIC TRANSPORT COMPANY.

The ships would thus be transferred to Norwegian registry.

If the application is approved the ships will be operated between New York, London and Liverpool.

It will be recalled that the American firm previously sought to transfer the ships to the Panama flag but withdrew the application. — Reuter.

OFF THE RECORD

By Ed Reed



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COMMUNISTS ARRESTED IN STOCKHOLM

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Stockholm, To-day.

The Swedish police have arrested two dangerous Communist elements.

The men were members of the west European section of the Komintern, the headquarters of which are in Stockholm.

During the police operations thousands of Communist pamphlets printed in German were seized.—Havas.

HITLER'S CHRISTMAS AT THE FRONT

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Berne, To-day.

According to the official Nazi radio Hitler spent Christmas visiting the regiment in which he fought during the Great War.

He also inspected aviation units.

Hitler returned to Berlin yesterday, when it was disclosed that he had spent five days touring the Siegfried Line.

He spent part of Christmas Day in the front line to the south of Saarbrücken, where he inspected a French pillbox erected during the early operations in September.

On returning to Berlin by plane, he immediately went into conference with war chiefs. — Havas.

PROMOTIONS AND PRESENTS

Berlin, To-day.

Hitler spent Christmas with the troops on the western front, says the official news agency.

The agency adds that on his tour to the hills at Spichern, the Fuehrer crossed the frontier and promoted the captain commanding the sector to the rank of major.

Hitler's whole tour was marked by promotions and presents to the troops. — Reuter.

GERMAN FREIGHTER RUNS FOR IT

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

MEXICO CITY, TO-DAY.

THE GERMAN FREIGHTER HAVILLAND HAS LEFT MANZANILLO, ON MEXICO'S PACIFIC COAST, WITH A CARGO OF COPRA FOR AN UNKNOWN DESTINATION.

The Nazi ship put to sea shortly after the departure of the American Coastguard vessel Erie, which had been watching the freighter's movements for over a month.—Havas.

MARK TWAIN NAZI STORY

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Shanghai, To-day.

An amusing story is told by passengers on a British ship which has just arrived here.

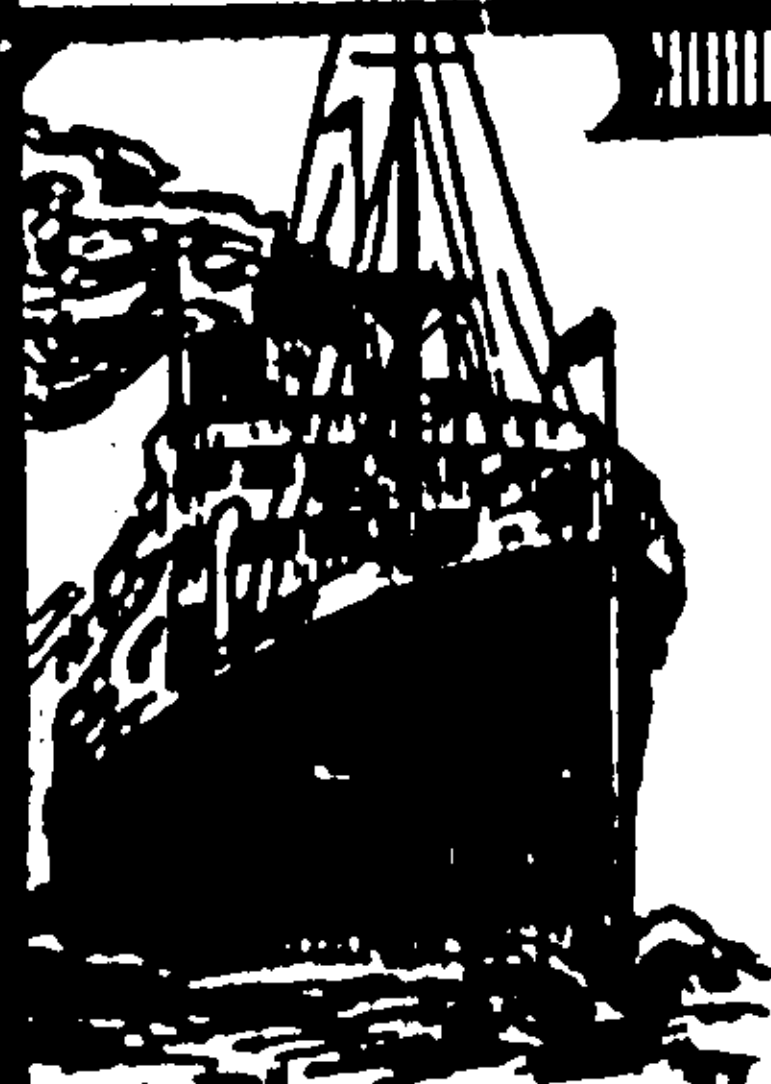
While they were in the Mediterranean, the ship's wireless heard a German message stating that the ship on which they were travelling had been torpedoed.

The passengers spent a lot of money writing home to reassure their relatives.—Havas.



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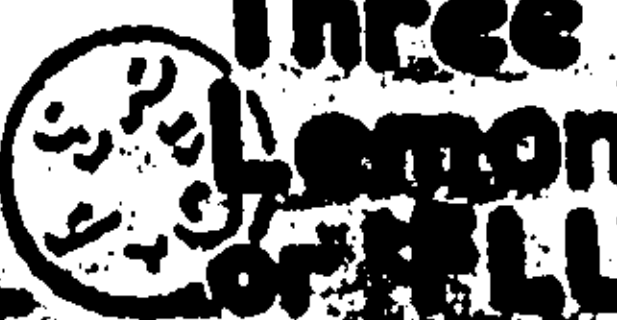
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STANHOLME SUNK WITHOUT WARNING

London, To-day.

THE BRITISH STEAMER Stanholme (2,473 tons) was sunk without warning by a U-boat on Monday off the west coast with the loss of 14 lives. Ten survivors were injured.

The ship had left port two hours earlier, and the crew were celebrating Christmas below decks when a terrific explosion occurred.

The ship began to sink immediately.

The death roll includes the Chief Engineer, who was drowned as he tried to assist his wife, who was on board and who was saved.

The U-boat was sighted by a deck-hand too late to raise an effective alarm. One survivor declared he saw two submarines.

NO WARNING

They had no warning and no time to launch the lifeboats.

The crew jumped overboard, and some managed to get on a small raft from which they were rescued later. —Reuter.

HISTORY OF THE ROTTERDAM LLOYD

One of the most interesting publications on maritime affairs to come out of Holland is a slim volume entitled "History of a House Flag," by the late E. P. Leigh-Bennett. A well got-up publication, it traces the history of the Rotterdam Lloyd from the early days of the last Century, and contains many rare old plates.

JAPANESE REPULSED NEAR CANTON

Yingtak, To-day.

The Japanese driving toward Wanglik on the Chinese section of the Canton-Kowloon Railway, have been repulsed.

Fighting is taking place in the Tsungfa sector. Japanese aircraft are active. — Central News.

RUMANIA TO HOLD TO TERRITORY

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Bucharest, To-day.

In a speech at a town near the Hungarian frontier yesterday, King Carol stressed Rumania's determination to retain her present territories.

"I visit you on the occasion of the Christian peace festival, and I am glad to emphasise Rumania's deep attachment to the idea of peace.

"We do not intend to take territory not belonging to us but we are ready to defend our patrimony." —Havas.

PEASANT WOMAN KILLED NEAR SUN WUI

A Chinese peasant woman was involved in an accident with a privately-owned motor car near Sun Wui Village, Sheung Shui, early yesterday afternoon and died shortly afterwards of her injuries.

No detailed report is yet available.

Reports that the Royal Scots, who are in camp near by were involved, were denied by the military spokesman this morning.



Finnish women in London on Dec. 11, went to the Finnish Sailors' Mission Church in London's dockland and prayed for the deliverance of their country. Photo shows Finnish women in national costume taking part in the service. (Copyright, Fox).

CHRISTMAS IN GERMANY

STILL HOPING THAT SOMETHING WILL TURN UP FOR PEACE

Stockholm, To-day.

THE NEWSPAPER "Aftonbladet" states that it was a quiet Christmas throughout Germany, and no war news was published except the reported British Christmas Eve raid.

Hitler spent Christmas with one of the Staffs at the front, travelling in secret by armoured train on strongly guarded railways.

He is expected to return to Berlin after Christmas, but his plans are being kept very secret.

The Pope's peace appeal has aroused much attention and hopes in Germany are that some sort of result will come from it.

People in Germany still cherish hopes that something will turn up promising peace instead of real military operations.

The opinion is now seldom heard that a decisive result can be expected rapidly by military operations.

It is feared that prolongation of the war will cause difficulties for Germany.

SPIRITS DEPRESSED.

Spirits were depressed in Berlin during Christmas week-end, mostly because of the black-out, combined with unpleasant weather.

Christmas fare was poor though nobody actually needed to suffer shortage. —Reuter.

BATTLE WITH SHANGHAI PROFITEERS

Shanghai, To-day.

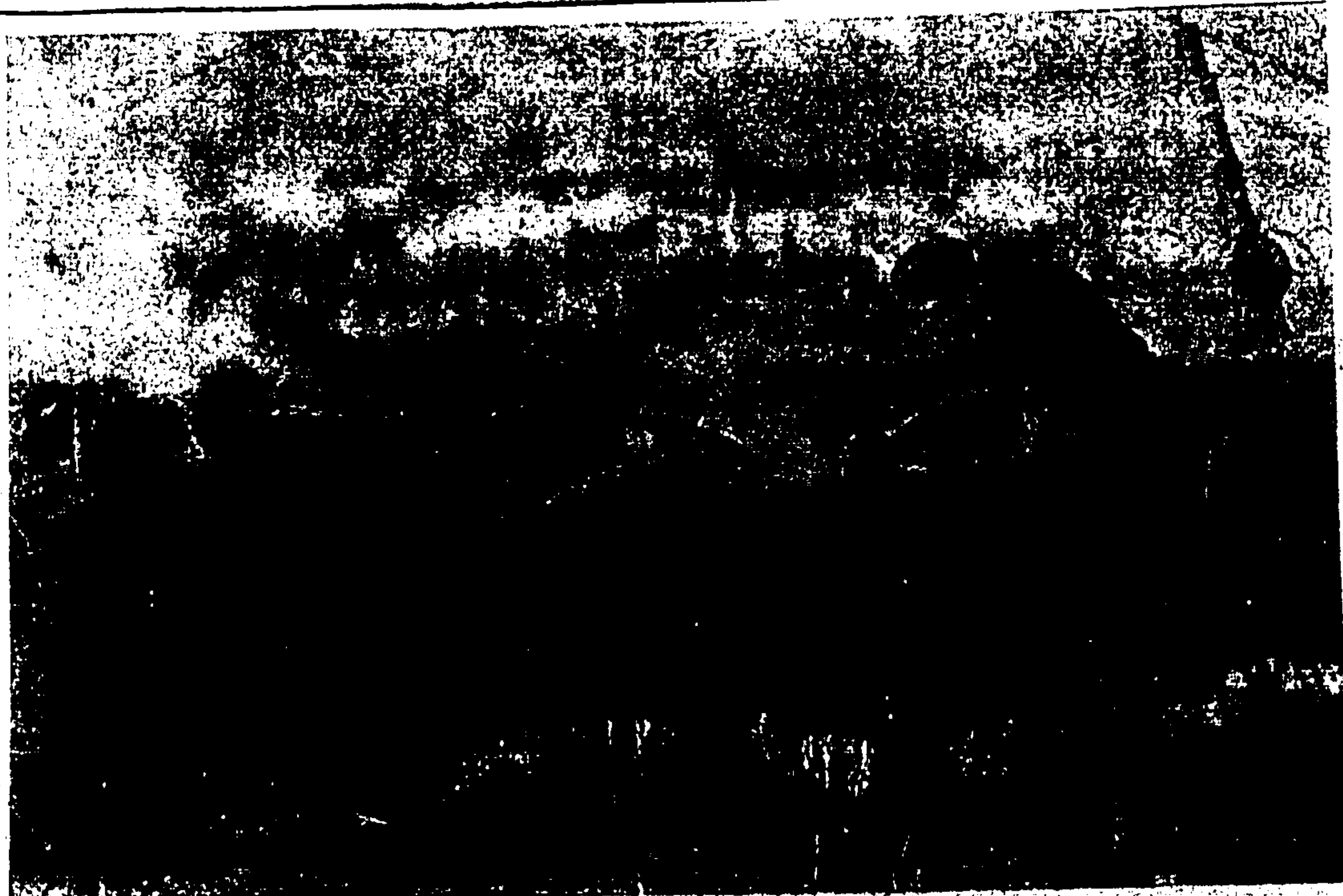
The People's Food Readjustment Federation, established by civic leaders and supported by bankers, to cope with the rice shortage and profiteering, has elected many prominent Shanghai-landers to various committee posts.

Twenty members, including Mr. G. E. Mitchell, Mr. W. J. Keswick, Mr. Chen Tsun-yi, and Sir Robert Caldecott, have been elected members of the standing committee.

Thirty-four others, including Mr. Yuan Lee-tung and Mr. Tien Hsia-ling, have been appointed to the advisory committee.

Mr. Yu Ya-ching, Mr. Wang Yu-ching and Mr. Hsu Chi-ching have been elected members of the purchasing committee.

The Shanghai Rice Guild has pledged full co-operation. — Reuter.



NO. 10, DOWNING STREET.—British and French soldiers in one of the sectors of the front in France enjoying an improved lunch cooked on a home-made frying pan. (Copyright, Fox).

AUSTRALIAN AIR SQUADRONS IN BRITAIN

Paris, To-day.
The air was calm throughout Christmas, as bad visibility kept aircraft grounded.
The news that Australian air squadrons have arrived in Britain has been received with enthusiasm in France.—Reuter.

JAPANESE DRIVE ENDS IN DISASTER

Chungking, To-day
The Japanese attempt to reach the French Indo-China border by occupying Lungchow and Chegnankwan has ended in disaster, according to Chinese reports received here.

These claim that in a big battle in the vicinity of Yashuutang on the highway to the Indo-China border, south of Lungchow, Chinese forces, after 24 hours of desperate fighting, have driven the Japanese back.

The Japanese are reported to have lost over 1,000 dead and many more wounded.

The same despatches reveal that Japanese infantry, artillery and cavalry units moved to the southwest from Nanning over a week ago along the highway in the direction of Chengnankwan, via the towns of Suilu, Szeloh and Minkiang.

After reaching Minkiang, the Japanese column is said to have headed straight to the Indo-China border south of Lungchow.—Reuter.

"IN HOT PURSUIT"

Chungking, To-day.
The opinion is expressed here that the Japanese desperate drive towards Lungchow is aimed partly to reach Chengnankwan, the important terminus of the railway to Hanoi, and also partly to draw the Chinese forces away from the attack on Nanning.

In a statement the Chinese military authorities declare: "After the crushing defeat at Yashuutang the Japanese are retreating eastward with the Chinese in hot pursuit."—Reuter.

JAPANESE PUPPET KIDNAPPED

Shanghai, To-day.

Chen Chiao-hai, commissioner of police at Minghong, was kidnapped on December 18 by a band of 20 armed men, according to an arrival from the town.

After the incident a Japanese detachment followed the kidnappers but turned back as darkness prevented them from proceeding.

It is learned that Chen was once a guerilla operating in Pootung. He deserted the guerilla ranks and joined the "water police" of the Japanese-sponsored municipality of greater Shanghai.—Reuter.

SWISS WARNING TO INVADING PLANES

Berne, To-day.

According to a General Staff notice, foreign planes flying over Swiss territory will be liable to be fired upon without special warning.—Reuter.

"LION HAS WINGS" COMING TO HONG KONG

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

HONG KONG WILL SHORTLY see "The Lion Has Wings," the first British war picture.

The picture amalgamates war scenes filmed during the operations of the British and French air forces.

It depicts the daring R.A.F. raid on Kiel at the beginning of the war, and records the flight of nine French pursuit planes against 27 German fighters, when the French shot down nine and chased away the others without loss.

"The Lion Has Wings" was previewed here yesterday before a select audience of celebrities in the world of politics, diplomacy, the arts and literature at a theatre in the Champs Elysees.

The film will shortly be shown throughout the Empire including Hong Kong.—Havas.

AIR SERVICE MOSCOW TO BERLIN

Moscow, To-day.

The Soviet and German Governments have concluded a convention establishing a regular mail and passenger air service between Moscow and Berlin.

The service will start on January 3.—Reuter.

ITALIAN AIR DISASTER

Casablanca, To-day.
Seven bodies have been recovered from the Italian plane which crashed in French Morocco and burst into flames.
The dead comprised four members of the crew and three journalists.—Reuter.

INAUGURAL FLIGHT DISASTER

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Casablanca, To-day.
A mail plane which was inaugurating a new Italy-South America air line crashed in the mountains at Pazal, east of Casablanca.

Natives discovered the wrecked machine, with seven dead.

Italian and French officials have left for the spot, which is in an extremely difficult mountain region.—Havas.

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MIRROR OF WORLD OPINION

MOSCOW'S PATH OF PEACE

M. Molotoff, the Soviet Premier and Foreign Commissar, is, however unwittingly, a first-rate humorist. His review yesterday of the international situation in Moscow is full of those startling paradoxes in which Mr. Bernard Shaw has hitherto been regarded as the past-master. For instance, he upbraids this country and France in good round terms for seeking to extend their influence in order to escape from the bankruptcy of the capitalist world. He then contrasts "this imperialist policy" with "the policy of peace" of the Soviet Union; and at once claims as one of the greater triumphs of that policy of peace the annexation of Eastern Poland. It must be admitted that imperialism and capitalism have nothing to show comparable with that example of what M. Molotoff calls "proletarian internationalism"; but the achievement is not a very edifying example of "the policy of peace," so called.—London "Daily Telegraph."

SIMPLE RULES OF RIGHT

Each can discern right and wrong as they apply to one person and his relationship to humanity. From the tangled snarl of international cross-purposes and enmities there come increasing indications that humanity is more and more conscious of the fact that the plain ABC rules of right and wrong must govern nations as well as men, that justice among the nations must be patiently built upon a basis of enforced law and order.

More individuals see and hold to this plain, simple truth to-day than ever before. And national and international action will follow where their thought leads. — "Christian Science Monitor."

RATIONING UNREQUIRED

It can now be said that there will be no rationing of food at least before the New Year. There is as yet no substantial case for an irksome restriction on the freedom of traders and consumers alike which might be interpreted as a weakness which does not in fact exist. A temporary shortage of butter and bacon has certainly occurred; but for the rest, the stocks in hand and in prospect give assurance of ample supplies for all classes. What deficiencies have shown themselves have been due, in the main, not to shortage of supplies, but to imperfection in the machinery of distribution, which should be quite easy of rectification by other means.—London "Daily Telegraph."

OUR WAR AIMS

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These peace terms guarantee the German nation against the cruel folly of another Versailles. They are available to the German people now on two conditions—the essential conditions of good faith; that the German Army gets out of Poland and the Nazi yoke is lifted from the neck of Czechoslovakia.

It is the British Government's duty to state these peace terms now.—"Reynolds News," London.

DESIGNS ON SWEDEN?

The possibility of common Russian and German action in Sweden has been freely canvassed for some months

past and the desire of both countries to secure command of the rich natural resources of the nation has become all the more intensified since hostilities have broken out. The suggestion that they would co-operate in the seizure has to undergo some modification in view of the fact that Russian co-operation in Poland was along lines which ensured that she should receive her full share of the spoils without having to await Herr Hitler's fulfilment of his pledge in that connection.—M. Stalin apparently realizes that the day of miracles is past. On the other hand, as evidencing the supreme trust which Herr Hitler has in M. Stalin, it is suggested that German co-operation in Sweden would be for the purpose of seeing that the Soviet did not grab the iron and steel supplies for herself. Consequently should these two rulers actually prepare to carry out their alleged intentions the world may see them in a race for the Swedish mines, with the handicap very much in favour of the Soviet. The world may yet see these two bandits quarrelling over the division of the spoils, and that would be an edifying and not unamusing spectacle.—"North China Daily News."

A REPLY

"However much we may appear to be absorbed at present in pure defence against air attack, and however loth we may be to begin on bombing, if it should start we and our Allies could reply to some purpose. In fact, we're better placed for this particular brutal form of warfare than the Germans are."—Major-General Sir Ernest Swinton.

verses, if and when they occur, may also give reality to the current talk of a monarchist revival in Germany. It is obviously premature to speak of a "compromise" in Prussia for the return of the Hohenzollerns, or of a separatist "movement" in Bavaria. These are possibilities of the future rather than actualities of the present. The Gestapo would be alert to suppress any such open manifestations of disloyalty to the regime; even if yearnings for a Hohenzollern restoration should be latent in the higher circles of the Army. It is a measure of the detestation felt for the Nazi system, and perhaps of the fear of a Bolshevik trend in Germany at a later stage, that a monarchist revival would probably be regarded with benevolent interest by the Allies. Hitler's National Socialist Germany is seen as a greater menace to the stability and peace of Europe even than the Imperialist Germany which they overthrew 21 years ago. It is unlikely, however, to prove as tough in resistance. The foundations of the "House That Hitler Built" were not securely laid, and the edifice already shows signs of internal weakness.—"Sydney Morning Herald."

CURRENTS IN GERMANY

What is happening behind the frowning facade which Nazi Germany presents to the outside world? The Munich bomb explosion, whatever its origin, was a sign that all is not well within the Third Reich; and there have been other symptoms, including the mysterious death of General von Fritsch, and the reported arrest of Field Marshal von Blomberg, that Germans are not one big happy family under Hitler. It will be sufficient for the foes of Nazism to note such indications of disharmony, without exaggerating their present significance. The flaws of to-day are likely to become the fissures of to-morrow under the stress of external defeats. Such re-

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KING'S MESSAGE BEGINS A QUEST

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This quotation, with which His Majesty the King concluded his Christmas broadcast has aroused much interest and curiosity as to its origin and authorship.

Reuter says that a number of literary authorities, including Mr. John Masefield, the Poet Laureate, declared that they had no knowledge of the author.

The mystery seems to have been solved partly by Mrs. J. C. M. Allen, of Bristol, who states:

"The quotation was found on a postcard among a dead man's effects. I do not know who wrote the original. I sent the quotation in a letter to the 'Times' in the dark days of September as a message of encouragement and I presume that the King must have seen it."

MANCHUKUO FRONTIER PEACE NEAR

Moscow, To-day.

After eight meetings at Chita, the joint Soviet-Japanese-Mongolian-Manchurian frontier commission has concluded its discussions.

The commission laid the foundation for a settlement on January 7, when the same body will be convened in Harbin.

It is stated the commission agreed that frontier points will then be charted on the map.

The opening session in Harbin will coincide with the arrival of a Japanese trade mission in Moscow for conferences with Foreign Commissar Mikoyan.—Reuter.

CHINA'S TRADE BALANCE

Chungking, To-day.

China's imports from January to November totalled \$1,245,416,359 and exports, \$905,118,659, resulting in an adverse balance of \$340,297,000, according to statistics compiled by the Chinese Maritime Customs.—Central News.

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Berne, To-day.

THE STOCKHOLM correspondent of the "Basler Nachrichten" reports that the situation of the Red Army in Finland, as described by Soviet prisoners, is extremely bad.

Prisoners, he says, are mournful, indifferent, tired out and completely unenthusiastic.

They declare the Red Army suffers more dead through disease than through the enemy's weapons.

The correspondent says, however, that rumours of internal strife between the Soviet leaders, or of trouble among the masses, are at least premature.

Soviet propaganda has been intensified and tries to persuade the population that they are facing not only Finland but the whole of Western Europe.

Everything points to the fact that Russia is preparing for a long campaign.

MEREJKOV NOT ENVIED

Meanwhile, reports that General Merejkov, commander of the Leningrad military region, has been removed from office, are unconfirmed.

It is rumoured that the move was contemplated but no officer was found ready to take General Merejkov's duties and assume the responsibilities of the Finnish campaign.—Havas.

SOVIET AIR LOSSES

Helsinki, To-day.

A Finnish communique claims that during Christmas Day Finnish naval and air forces destroyed at least 23 Soviet planes, and possibly 28.

The Finnish aircraft suffered no loss.—Reuter.

GERMAN REIGN OF TERROR IN POLAND

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Bucharest, To-day.

An absolutely reliable source reports that the Germans have instituted a reign of terror throughout Poland, to which the Poles are replying by a passive resistance campaign.

Crimes punishable by death without trial are rebellion, incitement to rebellion, possession of arms, insult to the swastika, distribution of subversive pamphlets and defacing official posters.

Meanwhile, all German attempts to foster a pseudo-Polish regime have failed, as even those known as pro-Germans before the war are refusing to co-operate.

The population's attitude is apparent in Warsaw, where all customers leave a cafe as soon as a German enters.—Havas.

JAPAN'S PROBLEMS

— Emperor's Speech From Throne to Diet

TOKYO, TO-DAY.

"THE URGENT NECESSITY OF EFFECTING STABILISATION IN EAST ASIA BY REPLENISHING JAPAN'S NATIONAL RESOURCES IN THE FACE OF THE EXTREMELY COMPLEX INTERNATIONAL SITUATION," WAS STRESSED BY THE EMPEROR IN THE SPEECH FROM THE THRONE TO THE DIET YESTERDAY.

His Majesty expressed satisfaction with the growing friendly relations between Japan and the countries with which she had treaties.

He added he was gratified at the progress of the fighting services in China.—Reuter.

CONTACT UNITS ACTIVE

Paris, To-day.

The communique issued by French H.Q., last night states that there had been activity of contact units.—Reuter.

STALIN'S POWER OVER HITLER FADING

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

"The Finnish war has brought about a certain reversal in the relations between Hitler and Stalin," the well-known political commentator "Pertinax" writes in "l'Ordre."

He adds: "Up to now Hitler has needed Stalin more than Stalin needed him."

"Up to November 30 the Soviet could look down on Hitler, whose forces were heavily pressed on land and sea."

"The Finnish campaign and the heavy blows dealt to the Red Army compel him to treat Hitler with respect."

"This is Ribbentrop's opportunity to regain lost ground, and we will soon know whether Berlin-Moscow co-operation is being exerted in Scandinavia, the Balkans or elsewhere."

"Stalin, however, would better be cautious."—Havas.

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"HITLER SPEAKS"

ON THE JEWS AND FREEMASONS

Hitler's anti-Semitism is an essential element in his general policy, but it is also part of his mental make-up. To him the Jew represents the very principle of evil. His feeling about the Jews has much in common with that of the pornographer Julius Streicher and with that of the ordinary storm-trooper or S.S. man, but there are also elements of difference. To the great majority of the Nazi clique of leaders the whole racial doctrine is "Adolf's bunkum." They regard the ousting of the Jews as an exercise in revolutionary activity. They are able to do with the Jews as they would have been glad to do with the whole middle class, which is not so defenceless. To Streicher and his following anti-Semitism is a splendid stroke of business and, at the same time, a satisfaction of their vile instincts. Among the mass of the Germans there is no deeprooted anti-Semitism; they have their grudges against the Jews, but these are no great matter.

Hitler, however, believes in the natural wickedness of the Jew. For him the Jew is evil incarnate. He has made a myth out of the Jew, and has made capital out of it; but behind this is a manifestly genuine personal feeling of primitive hatred and vengfulness.

Explanations of this may be sought in his personal experience, and, incidentally, it may be that under the Nuremberg racial legislation Hitler himself is not entitled to be classed as "Aryan."

The extent to which he was obsessed by his hatred of the Jews was shown by the way he could scarcely speak without bringing in sooner or later at least one scathing reference to them. On one occasion he gave me a fairly full account of his ideas on this subject.

"My Jews are a valuable hostage given to me by the democracies. Anti-Semitic propaganda in all countries is an almost indispensable medium for the extension of our political campaign. You will see how little time we shall need in order to upset the ideas and the criteria of the whole world, simply and purely by attacking Judaism."

Anti-Semitism, continued Hitler, was beyond question the most important weapon in his propagandist arsenal, and almost everywhere it was of deadly efficiency. That was why he had allowed Streicher, for instance, a free hand. The man's stuff, too, was amusing, and very cleverly done. Wherever, he wondered, did Streicher get his constant supply of new material? He, Hitler, was simply on tenterhooks to see each new issue of the *Stuermer*. It was the one periodical that he always read with pleasure, from the first page to the last.

But, he said, we cannot rest content with that: it is only the begin-

ning of a merciless struggle for world domination.

"The struggle for world domination will be fought entirely between us, between Germans and Jews. All else is facade and illusion. Behind England stands Israel, and behind France, and behind the United States. Even when we have driven the Jew out of Germany, he remains our world enemy."

I asked whether that amounted to saying that the Jew must be destroyed.

"No," he replied. "We should have then to invent him. It is essential to have a tangible enemy, not merely an abstract one."

Hitler instanced the Catholic Church: it did not content itself, he said, with the Devil; it had to have visible enemies in order not to relax in the struggle.

"The Jew," he said, "is always with us. But it is easier to combat him in the flesh than an invisible daemon. The Jew was the enemy of the Roman Empire, even of Egypt and Babylon; but I have been the first to go all out against him."

"Jews have been ready to help me in my political struggle. At the outset of our movement some Jews actually gave me financial assistance. If I had but held out my little finger I should have had the whole lot of them crowding round me. They knew well enough where there was a new thing on, with life in it. It was the Jews, of course, who invented the economic system of constant fluctuation and expansion that we call Capitalism—that invention of genius, with its subtle and yet simple self-acting mechanism. Let us make no mistake about it—it is an invention of genius, of the Devil's own ingenuity."

"The economic system of our day is the creation of the Jews. It is under their exclusive control. It is their super-state, planted by them above all the states of the world in all their glory. But now we have challenged them, with the system of unending revolution. Has it not struck you how the Jew is the exact opposite of the German in every single respect, and yet is as closely akin to him as a blood brother?"

"I have read 'The Protocols of the Elders of Zion'—it simply appalled me. The stealthiness of the enemy, and his ubiquity! I saw at once that we must copy it—in our own way, of course. Think of it—these people constantly on the move, and we with our new faith in unceasing activity, two groups so closely allied and yet so utterly dissimilar. It is in truth the critical battle for the fate of the world!"

"Don't you think," I objected, "that you are attributing rather too much importance to the Jews?"

"No, no, no!" exclaimed Hitler. "It is impossible to exaggerate the formidable quality of the Jews as an

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Bringing Up Father

By George McManus



"HITLER SPEAKS"

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enemy."

"But," I said, "the 'Protocols' are a manifest forgery. I saw the book in 1920, through a certain Mueller von Hausen. It was evident to me that it can't possibly be genuine."

"Why not?" grunted Hitler. He did not care two straws, he said, whether the story was historically true. If it was not, its intrinsic truth was all the more convincing to him. "We must beat the Jew with his own weapon," he continued. "I saw that the moment I had read the book."

"So you derived inspiration for your struggle from the 'Protocols?'" I asked. "Yes, certainly, down to the veriest detail," he replied.

"I found those Protocols enormously instructive. I have always learnt a great deal from my opponents. I studied revolutionary technique in the works of Lenin and Trotsky and other Marxists, and I got illumination and ideas from the Catholic Church, and from the Freemasons, that I could never have obtained from other sources. The man who is not ready to learn from his enemies, and from them above all, is a fool. Only a weakling will be afraid of losing his own inspiration by studying the enemy."

"I can't help wondering," I said, "what you could possibly have taken from the Freemasons."

"That's simple. Needless to say, I don't seriously believe in the abysmal evilness and noxiousness of these people. In Germany they are just a harmless union for the mutual protection of interests. I have had a careful report made on them. I placed the investigation and the framing of the report, in Major Buch's hands. All the supposed abominations, the skeletons and death's-heads, the coffins and the mysteries, are mere bogeys for children. But there is one dangerous element, and that is the element I have copied from them. They form a sort of priestly nobility. They have developed an esoteric doctrine, not merely formulated, but imparted through the medium of symbols and mysterious rites in degrees of initiation. The hierarchical organisation and the initiation through symbolic rites, that is to say without bothering the brains but by working on the imagination through magic and the symbols of a cult—all this is the dangerous element and the element that I have taken over. Don't you see that our party must be of this character?"

"And what," I asked, "have you taken over from the 'Protocols' of the Elders of Zion?"

"Political intrigue, the technique of conspiracy, revolutionary subversion; prevarication, deception, organisation. Is that not enough?"

A regular collection, I admitted.

"But we have been speaking," said Hitler, "of the Jew only as the ruler of the economic world empire. We have been speaking of him as our political opponent. Where does he stand in the deeper struggle for the new world era?"

I confessed that I had no notion.

"There cannot be two Chosen Peoples," said Hitler, "we are God's People. Does not that fully answer the question?"

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(TO-MORROW: GET RICH QUICK.)

SPECIAL JOB FOR FORMER AMBASSADOR

Washington, To-day.

Mr. Joseph Davies, former Ambassador to Belgium, recently called home by President Roosevelt, has been appointed Special Assistant Secretary of State to deal with war emergency problems and international trade negotiations.—Reuter.

SHANGHAI GOES GAY FOR XMAS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Shanghai, To-day.

Christmas was gaily celebrated here in spite of the curfew regulations and the high prices prevailing everywhere.

Department stores, restaurants and night clubs report record business.

All toy shops report an abnormal demand for war toys such as aeroplanes, tanks, guns and uniforms.—Havas.

JAPANESE PRESS GANG AT WORK

Macao, To-day.

Vernacular reports here state that some 10,000 young Chinese farmers have been "kidnapped" by the Canton Japanese authorities. The majority have been shipped as labour corps to the Pakhoi area. — Our Own Correspondent.

U.S. XMAS TRAGEDIES

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

New York, To-day.

More than 400 violent deaths occurred in the United States during the Christmas holidays.

Of these, 224 were killed in traffic accidents and the others were suicides, drownings, shootings and so on.

In Los Angeles, an aviator, flying low to wave greetings to friends, struck the mast of a radio station and was killed.—Havas.

PROPAGANDA IN SHANGHAI

Shanghai, To-day.

Chinese pamphlets supporting Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek and the Chungking Government were distributed through the French Concession and the International Settlement during the Christmas holidays. — Our Own Correspondent.

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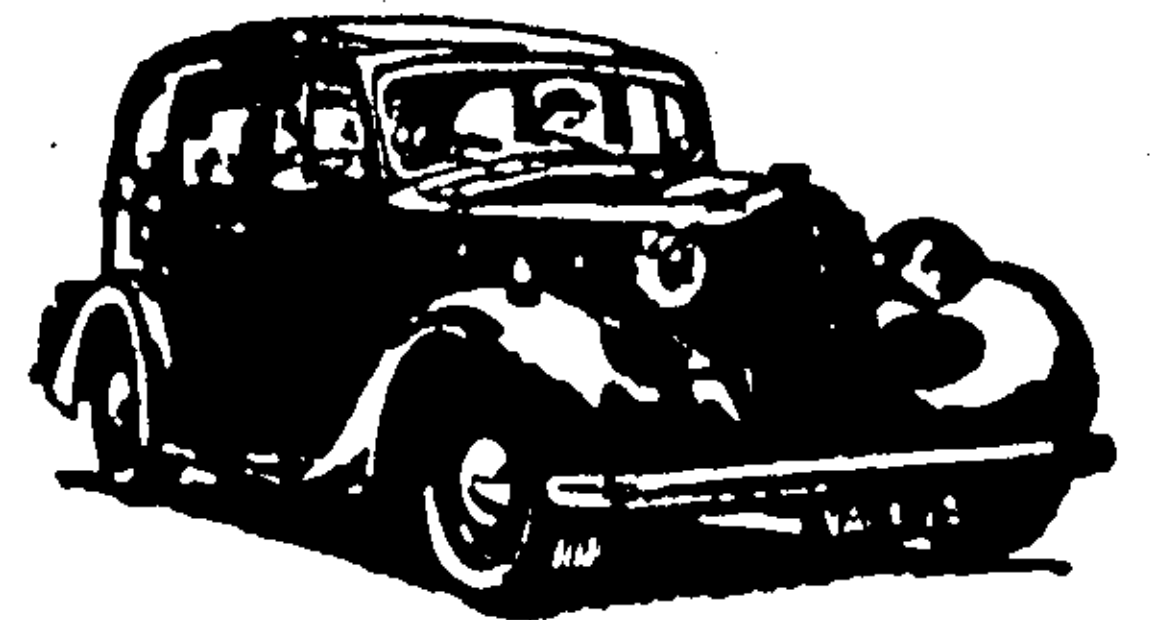
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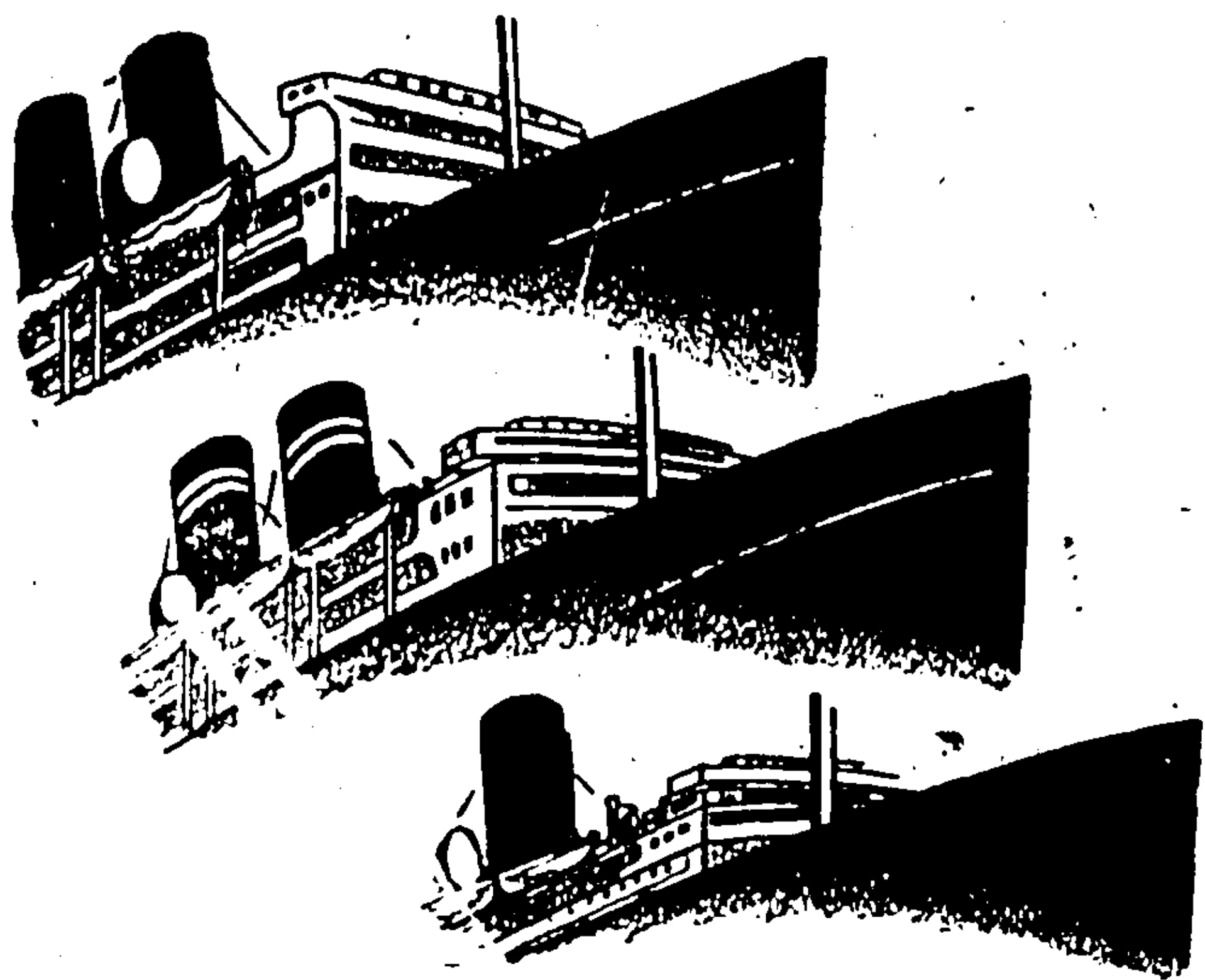
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Straits		Dec. 28, 9.30 a.m.
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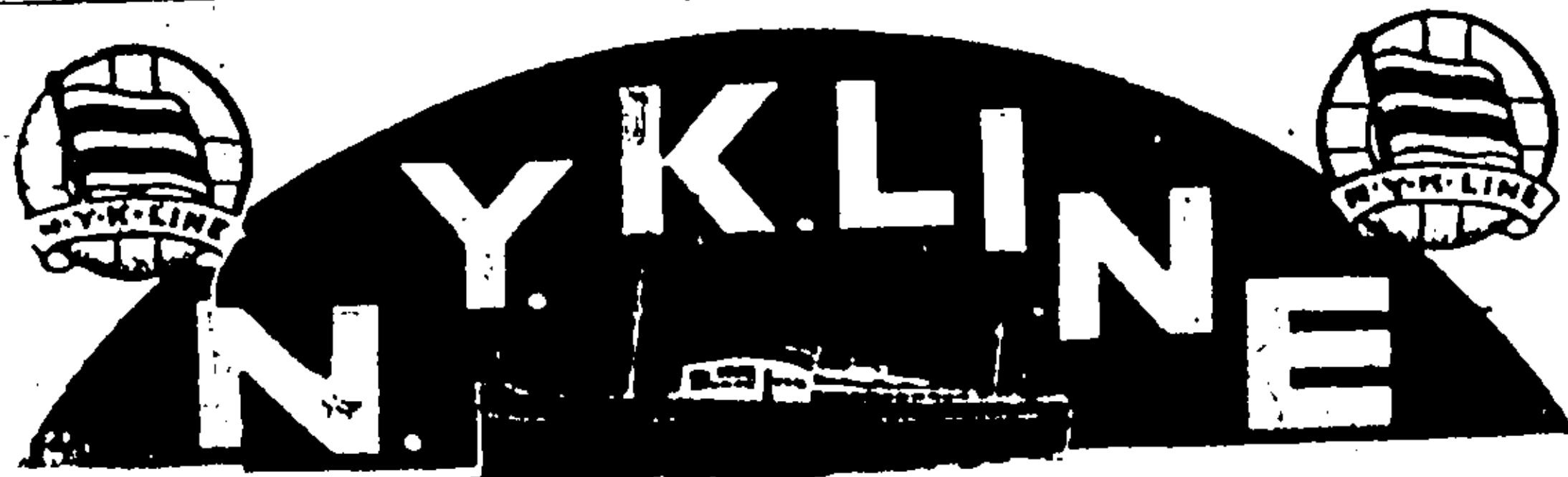
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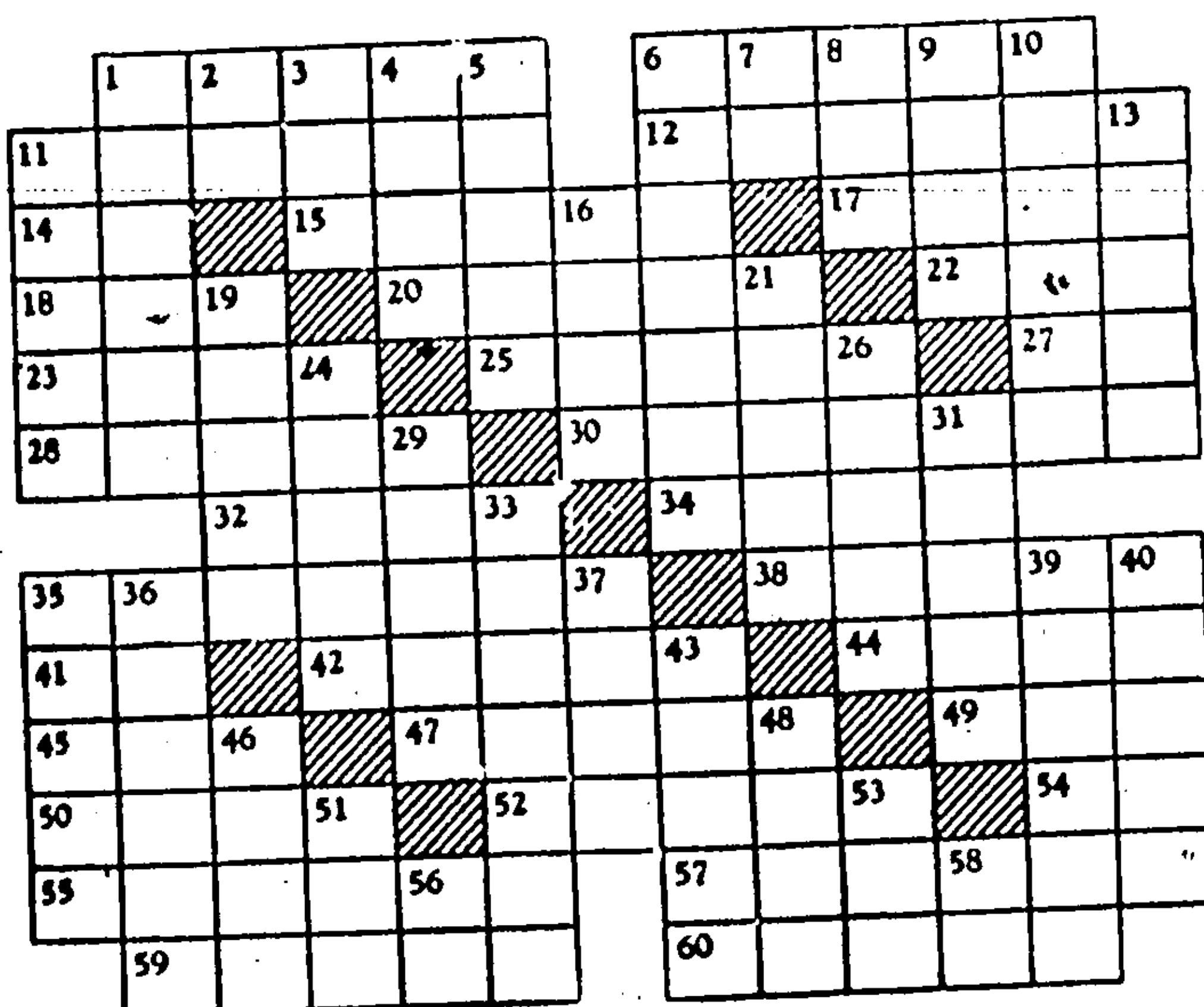
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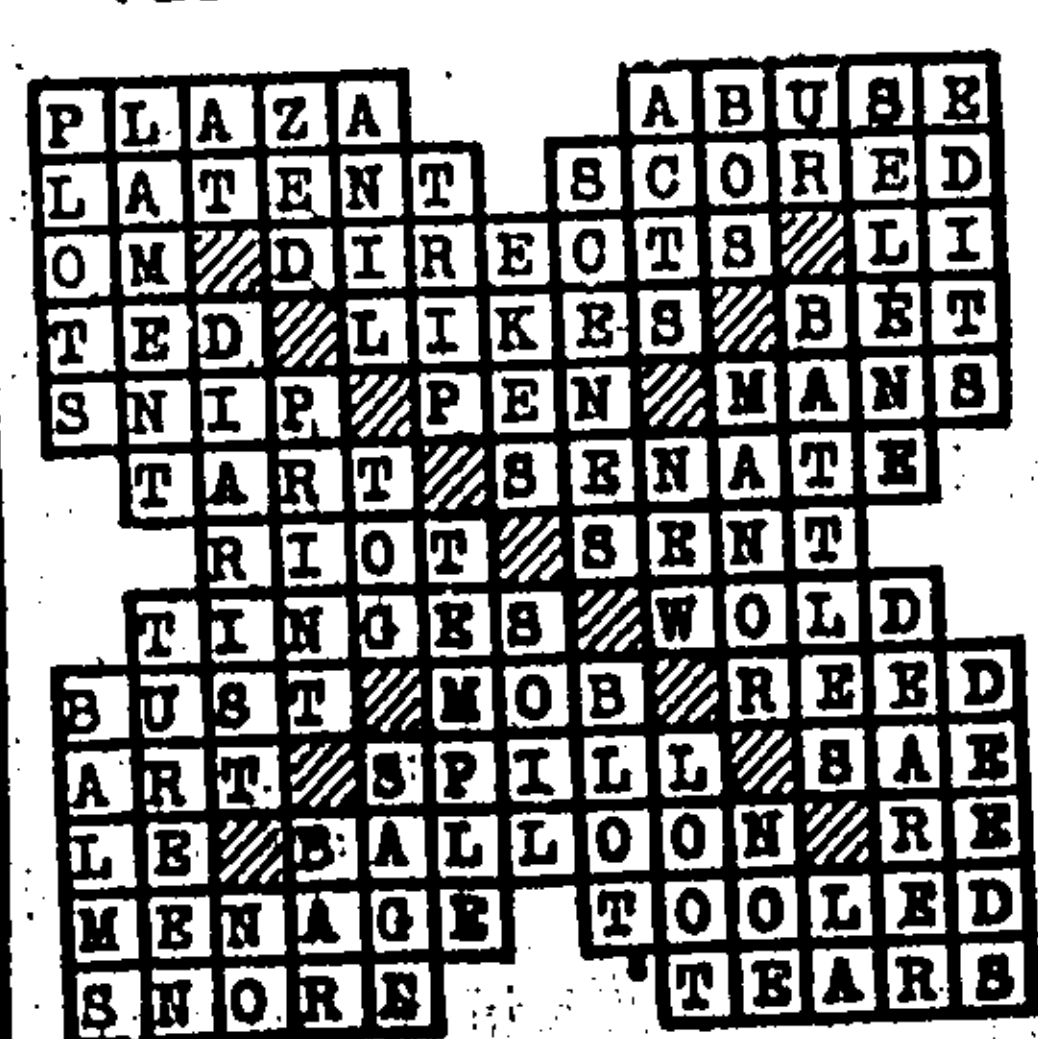
- 1 Porcelain ware
- 6 One who bundles
- 11 Idiot
- 12 Cheered
- 14 Japanese measure
- 15 To disdain
- 17 Small European shark
- 18 Filipino
- 20 Spaces
- 22 Born
- 23 Chinese dynasty
- 25 Made public
- 27 Part of "to be"
- 28 To brawl
- 30 Running stories
- 32 Sullen
- 34 Warbled
- 35 Gathered
- 38 Shaded walks
- 41 Sun god
- 42 Lukewarm
- 44 Source
- 45 Macaw
- 47 Repose

- 49 Tribulation
- 50 Aromatic herb
- 52 Body of Moslems
- 54 Compass point
- 55 Irony
- 57 Spoke
- 59 Narrow cloths
- 60 Iberian title

VERTICAL

- 1 Caviler
- 2 Pronoun
- 3 Pronoun
- 4 Indian palm
- 5 Frog genus
- 6 City of India

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION



- 7 Mulberry
- 8 Latvian money
- 9 Jacket
- 10 To cancel
- 11 Stuffs
- 13 Considers
- 16 Brazilian units
- 19 Positive terminal
- 21 Whey
- 24 To look malignantly
- 26 A Persian monetary unit
- 29 Sand hills
- 31 Glistening
- 33 Answers
- 35 Metric weights
- 36 Lasso
- 37 Molds
- 39 Less restrained
- 40 Horse
- 43 Greek island
- 46 Pilaster
- 48 To peel
- 51 Summit
- 53 Chess piece
- 56 Note of scale
- 58 Preposition

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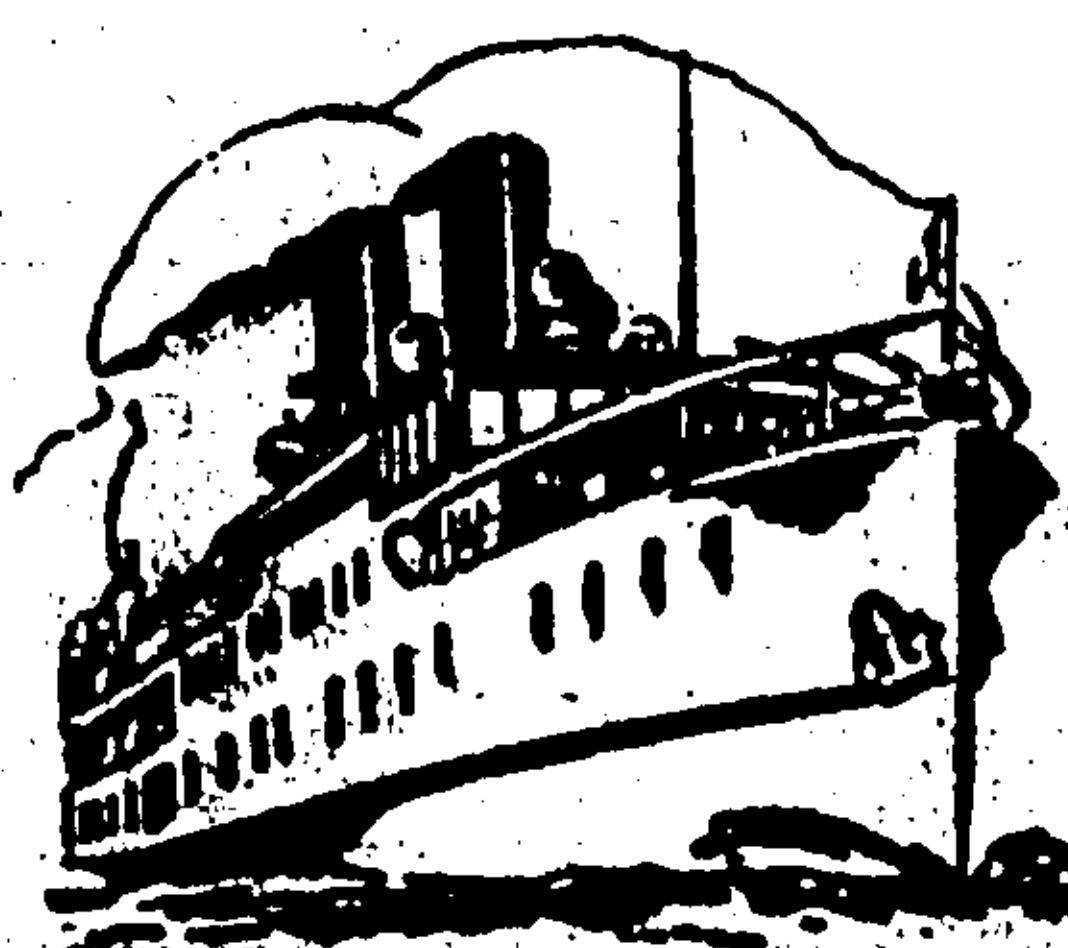
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ROBBERY AT SUN CO.

The man who, single-handed, broke into the Sun Company, and stole \$6,000 worth of watches on November 30, was convicted by Mr. T. J. Houston this morning, when he pleaded guilty.

The accused, Li Wing, 32, climbed up a drainpipe to the first floor verandah of the Company. He took 71 watches from the show cases.

Sentence of six months' hard labour was imposed.

ARRESTED IN BIG ROBBERY CASE

Ho Kin, alias Ho Kau, alias Ho Wan, 20, was remanded 72 hours by Mr. T. J. Houston this morning, when he was charged with robbery at No. 172, Wellington Street.

It was alleged that defendant, with three other men not in custody, robbed Fung Kwong-shing, 73, of \$15,600 in Hong Kong currency, \$1,100 in Chinese currency, and a diamond finger ring.

AID REWARDED

Encouraging civilians to assist the police, Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen at Kowloon this morning ordered \$1 from the Poor Box to be awarded to a rattan worker, who arrested a snatcher, Wong Kwong, 20, in Pei Ho Street yesterday.

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DEATH OF MR. J. P. ULDERUP

The death occurred in his room at the Hong Kong Club during the night of Mr. J. P. Ulderup, principal of the firm of Ulderup and Co., of the Stock Exchange Building.

Mr. Ulderup retired fairly early and was discovered dead this morning by the room boy having passed away in his sleep.

The late Mr. Johannes Petersen Ulderup, who was about 66, was an old Hong Kong resident, having been here off and on for the past 40 years.

Prior to the formation of the machinery company bearing his name in 1934, he was connected with Jebson and Company for many years, and before that was in the machinery business in Canton.

He leaves a wife in Sweden; they have no children. Mr. Ulderup was a Dane and his wife is a Finn. She was living in Helsinki until the outbreak of the Soviet war on Finland, when she was evacuated to Stockholm.

Mr. and Mrs. Ulderup went home to Finland about six years ago, and he returned here alone to found the firm of Ulderup and Company.

He was a member of the Institute of Engineers and Shipbuilders and also of the Institute of Naval Architects. He was a prominent member of Hong Kong's Danish community.

The funeral will be held at 5 p.m. to-morrow.

LOCAL DOLLAR

The demand rate on the Hong Kong dollar to-day was 1/2-7/8.

The London on New York cross rate was quoted at £-U.S.\$4.02 and New York on London at £-U.S.\$3.94-7/8.

BRITISH STEAMER'S SUDDEN SILENCE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")
New York, To-day.

The Elder-Dempster liner which, as previously reported, sent out an S.O.S. that she was being chased by a U-boat, was the steamer Discovery.

The S.O.S., giving the liner's position south-east of the Azores, was picked up by Mackay Radio.

The message was suddenly interrupted.—Havas.

CHINA HAND PASSES

The death of Mr. Edward H. Munson, a secretary of the National Committee of the Y.M.C.A. of China, occurred suddenly in Kunming on December 24. Mr. Munson, whose home was in Shanghai, had been travelling in the interior of China and was en route to Rangoon.

In his younger days, he was an outstanding tennis player and was winner of many tournaments. He was a member of Rotary and the Masonic order, being Past Master of Foochow Lodge, No. 1912, E.C., and was a charter member of the Foochow Y's Men's Club.

Mr. Munson was intimate with many of the leaders in political and business life in China and his judgment and unselfish devotion won the admiration of all who knew him.

He is survived by his wife, a daughter and two sons.

The Royal Observatory reports that a moderate anti-cyclone is stationary over China, Japan and the adjacent seas.

LOCAL SHARES

Following is the list of changes and enquiries in local share quotations to-day:

INSURANCES

Canton Ins. \$200 b.
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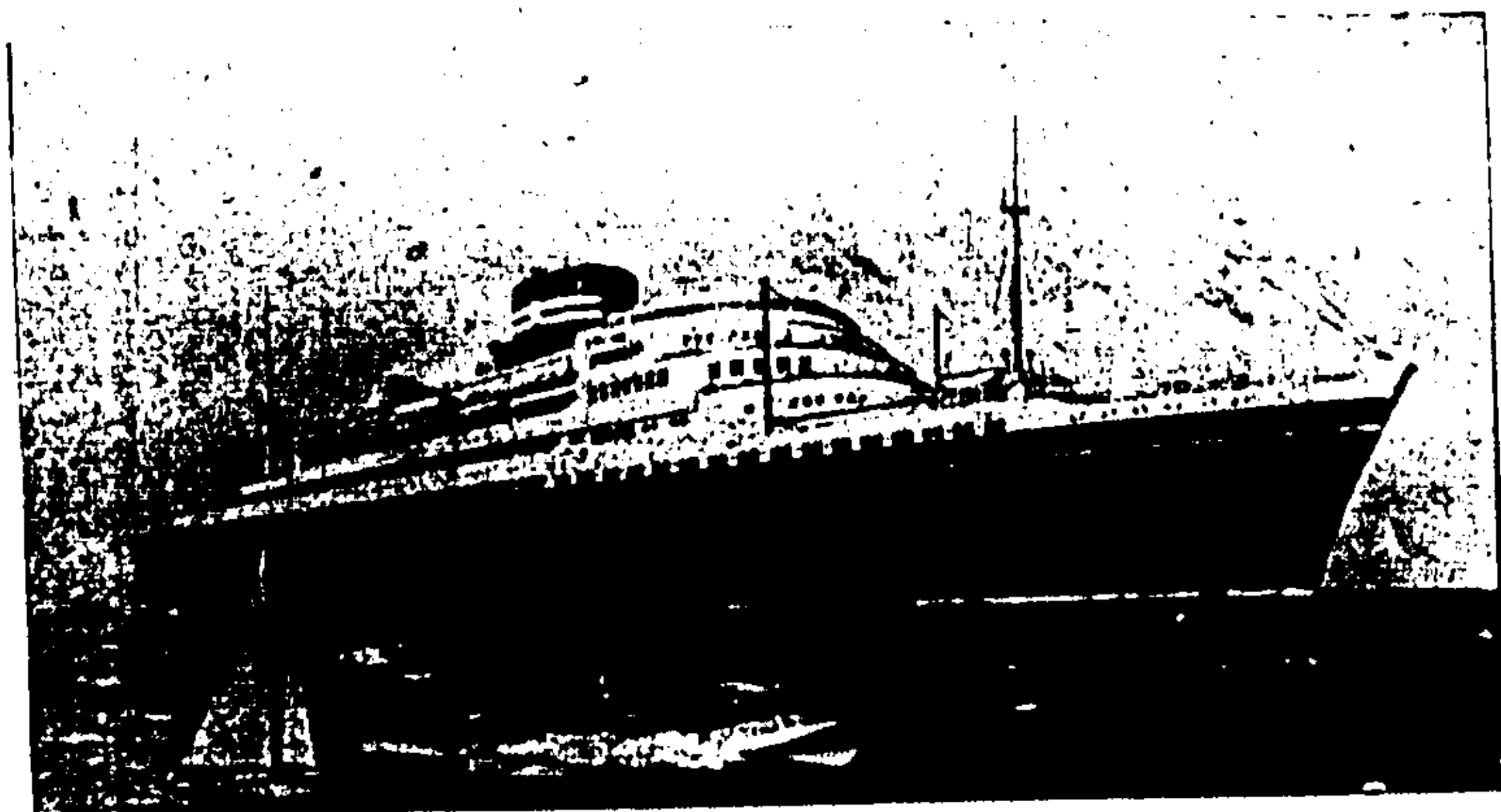
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Fox-Trot—Ain't She Sweet.
Quickstep—Somebody Stole My Gal.... Brian Lawrence & His Quartet.
Fox-Trot—Sweet Genevieve.
Waltz—On The Sunny Side of the Rockies.... Ronnie Munro & His Orchestra.
Fox-Trots—Ho'Dja Like To Love Me?; I Fall In Love With You Every Day.... Jimmy Dorsey & His Orchestra.
Quickstep—Hold Tight.

Fox-Trot—I Can't Get You Out Of My Mind.... Jack Hylton & His Orchestra.
Tangos—Mambo A Mano; Por Vos Yo Me Rompo Todo.... Orquesta Tipica Francisco Canaro.
Fox-Trots—Two Little Flies on a Lump of Sugar; Just A-Wearyin' For You.... Jack Jackson & His Orchestra.
Comedy Waltz—The Travelling Salesman.
Comedy Novelty—A Feather In Her Tyrolean Hat.... The B.B.C. Dance Orchestra.

Swing Music—The Skaters' Waltz In Swingtime.... Bob Crosby & His Orch.
7.00 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.
7.01 p.m.—B.B.C. RECORDING—"The Heart of England". A Programme from the Midlands arranged and produced by Robin Whitworth.
7.30 p.m.—LONDON RELAY—The News.
8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.
8.03 p.m.—Classical Request Programme.
"The Barber Of Seville"—Overture (Rossini).... Philharmonic-Symphony Orchestra of New York cond. by Toscanini.
Quarta O Quella ("Rigoletto"—Verdi).... Tito Schipa (Tenor) with Orchestra.
Overture "Merry Wives of Windsor" (Nicola).... The B.B.C. Symphony Orchestra conducted by Sir Adrian Boult.
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Dance Of The Goblins, Op. 25 (Bazzini).
Yehudi Menuhin (Violin) with Piano accomp. by Marcel Gazelle.
Hungarian Rhapsody No. 2 (Liszt).... Philadelphia Symphony Orchestra conducted by Leopold Stokowski.
Spanish Dance (Granados, arr. Casals).
Vito (Spanish Dance) Op. 54, No. 5 (Poper).... Pablo Casals (Cello) with Piano accomp. by Nicolai Mednikoff.
Mouvements Perpetuels (Poulenc); Stude (Stravinsky).... Beno. Moiseiwitsch (Piano).
Onaway! Awake! Beloved ("Hiawatha"—Coleridge-Taylor).... Tudor Davies (Tenor) with Orchestra.
London Bridge March (Erjc Coates).... New Light Symphony Orchestra cond. by Joseph Lewis.
9.05 p.m.—STUDIO—Comments on Recent Events.
9.15 p.m.—LONDON RELAY—News Summary.
9.25 p.m.—VARIETY with Sidney Torch, Al Bowly, Ruth Etting and Others.
10.15 p.m.—Dance Music.
11.00 p.m.—CLOSE DOWN.

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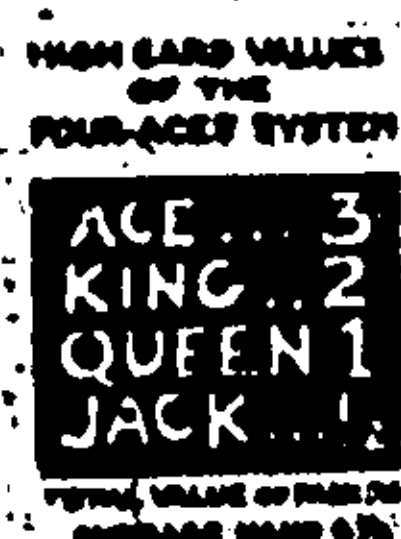
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West, Dealer
Neither side vulnerable
♠ K J 10 8 6 5
♥ 3
♦ K Q 9 4
♣ 7 3
♠ 4 3
♥ K Q 10 8
♦ 7 2
♣ 6
♠ Q 9 5 3
♥ N
♦ W
♣ S
♠ 9 7 2
♥ J 5
♦ 10 8 3
♣ J 10 8 6
♠ A Q
♥ A 9 6 4
♦ A J 7 5 3
♣ A K

The bidding:
West North East South
Pass Pass Pass 10 (1)
1♥ 2♠ (2) Pass 3♥ (2)
4♥ (4) Pass 4♥ (5)
Pass 4♠ (6) Pass 5♠ (7)
Pass 6♦ (8) Pass 7♦ (9)
Pass Pass



- (1) South's hand is not strong enough for a suit two-bid, but is strong enough for a two-notrump opening. However the distribution indicates the advisability of a suit.
- (2) With a singleton heart and a fine 8♠ for his partner, North, who has passed originally, decides on a jump bid.
- (3) Showing first-round control.
- (4) Diamond support.
- (5) Repeating the fact that he has first-round control.
- (6) North is afraid of two possible losers in the club suit.
- (7) First-round control of clubs.
- (8) The Slam appears certain.

(9) South is now convinced that his partner holds both the King and Queen of diamonds and either a singleton heart or sufficient spades to provide discards for all his (South's) losing hearts.

Incidentally at Duplicate South would probably have bid seven notrump. But in Rubber Bridge the extra points for playing the hand in notrump and the bonus for honours are not worth while when compared with the Grand Slam bonus.

Yesterday neither side was vulnerable, you were Howard Schenken's partner and held:

♠ A J 8 3
♥ 10 8
♦ K 10 9 4
♣ K 6 3
The bidding:
Burnstone You Jacoby Schenken
Pass Pass 10 Dbl.
Pass (7)
Pass

ANSWER: Your correct bid is two spades.

Score 100 per cent. for two spades, 60 per cent. for two notrump (you have nothing in hearts), 20 per cent. for one spade (inadequate), 0 for pass (this last is a very poor bid since you are probably giving away a game for a small penalty).

QUESTION NO. 293.

You are the dealer and hold:

♠ A K Q
♥ A Q 10
♦ A 9 8 7 6
♣ A 7 6 5 4 3 2
What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

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" 95 344.77
" 1042 172.38
Unplaced Ticket No. 157 gets \$50.

RACE 3
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" 974 380.40
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RACE 4
No. 544 \$ 1,269.80
" 851 862.80
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Unplaced Tickets Nos. 1178, 485, 1106, 1275 get \$50 each.

C.C.C. BACHELORS BEATEN

In the annual cricket match, at Craigengower yesterday, the Married members beat the Bachelors by 86 runs.

Married:—199 (for 5 wks. dec.) (A. R. H. Esmail 55, H. P. Lim 58 not out, G. Winch 2 for 56, F. R. Zimmermann 2 for 39).

Bachelors:—113 (G. Winch 28, F. R. Zimmermann 14, E. H. Esmail 13) Way 3 for 14. A. B. Hamsom 2 for 7).

H.K. ELECTRIC MATCH

At Sookunpoo, the Local Staff of Hong Kong Electric Company beat the European Staff by 53 runs in their annual cricket match.

European Staff:—126 (W. Stoker 31, McKenna 27).
Local Staff:—179 (A. K. Minu 58, S. M. Rumbahn 43, S. A. R. Bux 33).

RACE 5
No. 80206 \$ 19,773.54
" 9536 5,649.57
" 15705 3,824.78

Unplaced Tickets Nos. 23026, 11645, 9570, 36489, 18158, 37838, 31872, 24390, 34843, 29419; 3299, 5867, 10778 get \$241.43 each.

RACE 6
No. 1287 \$ 1,337.28
" 713 383.06
" 805 191.04

Unplaced Tickets Nos. 919, 962, 135, 636, 1107, 1247, 328, 391 get \$50 each.



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SOFTBALL NOTES

PIRATES SHAKE UP THE WILDCATS

*Winners Over-Confident; Saved By Lily Mar*FORUM START WELL
PETER OUT

(By "GRAND STAND")

In the opener at C.B.A. ground on Sunday, International Athletic Club humbled Kenny Wong's English Forum 8-5.

The game was keenly contested till the last canto. Forum were then leading 5-2 in the seventh and it should have been a sure victory for them but they petered out in the last of the seventh against a determined International squad who rallied with six tallies in their turn to bat in the last stanza to take Kenny and his gang to town.

International scored their eight runs on seven hits aided by nine Forum errors. Forum connected for five safeties and scored all their five runs in the third inning.

Albert Leonard toed the rubber for International and fanned three and walked two, while chucker Bill Quon pitched a good game for Forum striking out two and walking none.

Longest hits were one two bagger apiece by Baker and E. D. Fisher.

Inter- R. H. E.
national... 0 0 2 0 0 0 6 8 7 3
Forum... 0 0 5 0 0 0 0 5 5 9

In the second game at C.B.A. Canadian Chinese trounced Central British Association 19-7 in a drawn-out and one-sided affair. The Canucks had things all their own way and it was more of a practice game for them than a League encounter.

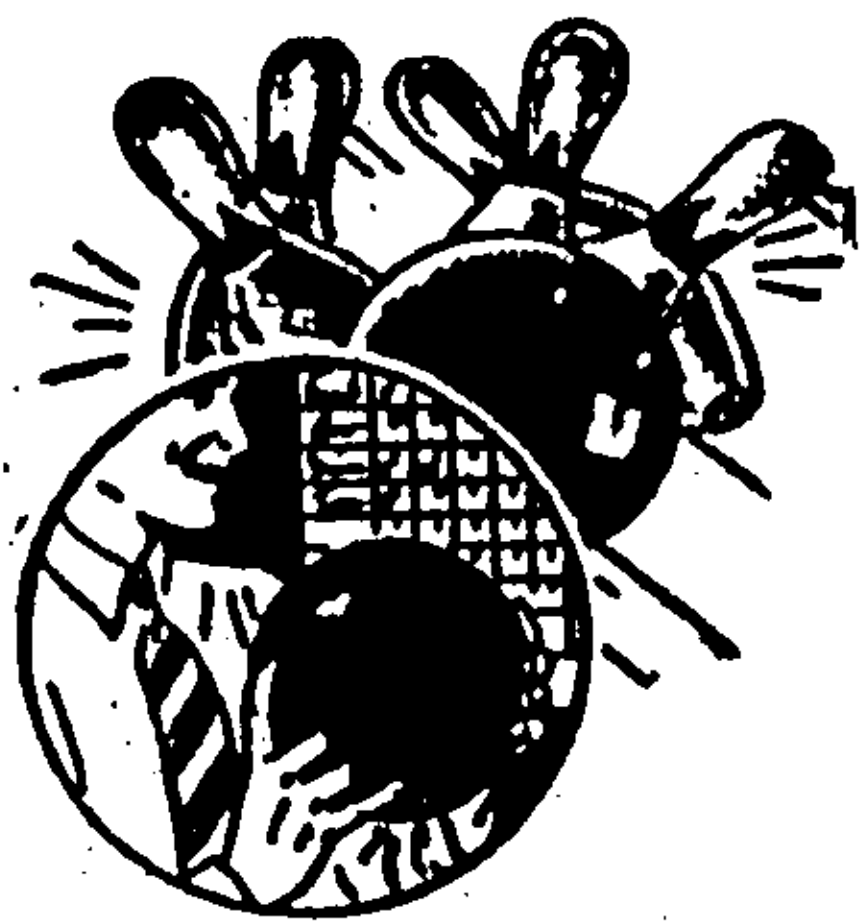
The "Maple Leafs" gave all their pitchers some practice. Herbie Quon, Denham Cray and G.G. Lee taking turns on the mound to hold down the C.B.A. huskies.

George Fowler pitching was duck soup to the Canadians who connected for 19 solid blows including a homer for Bill Woo and a double by L. Bunn.

For the losers Jimmy King took batting honours with two safeties, while backstop Joe Higgins was highest scorer, crossing the plate four times.

Canadian R. H. E.
Chinese 3 3 6 3 2 1 2 19 19 4
C.B.A. ... 0 2 0 2 0 1 2 7 9 9
Outhit 20-2 Mindanao succumbed to the power gang of Recreio "A", 17-5.

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(By "GRAND STAND")

ALTHOUGH LOSING to Wildcats 19-11, Pirates played a good game to give the Champions a good battle and a scare in the curtain raiser of a triple bill at Prince Edward ground on Sunday.

Wildcats, who figured on an easy win, started Pam Young on the mound, but the Bucs hammered her for four runs on three hits in one-third of the initial frame. Lily "Sunshine" Mar came to the rescue and had some anxious times holding Maudie Read's pirates in tow.

Pirates surpassed all expectations and played a grand game, but had to succumb to better base running and heavy slugging by the Wildcats. Pirates made only two errors, which is good going for them, while Wildcats miscued six times. Pirates were leading 11-7 in the fifth, but a four-run rally by Wildcats in the last of the fifth, five more in the sixth and three in the seventh iced the game for the Kittens.

Lily Mar fanned four and walked six and Maudie Read struck out two and walked four.

MRS. STONE IN FORM

Centre-fielder Mrs. Stone, for the Bucs, played exceptionally well, stopping those long ones belted by the Wildcat heavy sluggers. Besides playing a good game she rapped a circuit clout and two triples.

Hind-snatcher Paddy Seats performed very well indeed behind the plate and made three hits in five trips to the plate.

For the winners Gloria Mar was outstanding with the willow wand with four safe blows in five times up.

May Chung homered and tripled while Doris Mar and Lily Mar clouted one three bagger each.

Wildcats... 2 0 5 0 4 5 3 19 19 6
Pirates... 4 3 2 3 0 0 0 11 9 2

In the second game Wahos overhauled the lowly Cardinals 32-6.

fray for the American blue jackets, was shown no mercy by the Recreio aces' willow wielders, while his teammates could only touch Johnny Alvares for two singles.

Alvares only whiffed one but received better support from his fielders. Mindanao had difficulty picking them off the deck, booting seven.

GOSANOS SHINE

Eddie Gosano and brother Gerry were tops with the stick; four hits apiece in five trips to the pan.

A two-bagger by Mike Mendonca and another by Eddie Gosano were the longest hits of the fracas.

Recreio... 5 4 3 0 5 0 0 17 20 5
Mindanao 2 2 0 0 0 0 1 5 2 7

In a ding-dong struggle Victoria Recreation Club downed Trojans, 19-10.

VRC showed more power with the hickory connecting for 18 hits off G. Almeida's offerings. Trojans nicked Kelly Silva-Netto for 12 bingles. Marques homered for VRC.

Ablong was cheated of a Ruthian clout when he smacked a long one to centre field for a homer but failed to touch first base on his way around.

He was tagged on the relay and was declared out by the ump. The game was rather dull and only a handful of spectators were present.

SCORES AT A
GLANCE:

MEN'S			
Recreio "A"	17	Mindanao	5
International	8	Forum	6
Canadian			
Chinese	19	C.B.A.	7
V.R.C.	19	Trojans	10
WOMEN'S			
Wildcats	19	Pirates	11
Wahos	32	Cardinals	6
Ball Girls	13	Cubs	8

Cardinals established an all-time record in fielding errors with 18 miscues chalked up against them, while Wahos played their usual standard of play, booting six and smacking the old apple 21 times to the Red-birds eight safeties.

Hongkong Ball Girls took the Cubs to town to the tune of 13-8. Both teams miscued six times afield, but the Ball Girls had it over the Cubs in batting. Ball Girls made 13 hits to the Cubs 6.

NAVY
RUGBY
CHANGES

(By "SCRUM-HALF")

Navy, with nothing to lose and everything to gain, have made four changes in the team which lost so heavily to Army for their Triangular Tournament Rugby match against Club at Causeway Bay next Saturday.

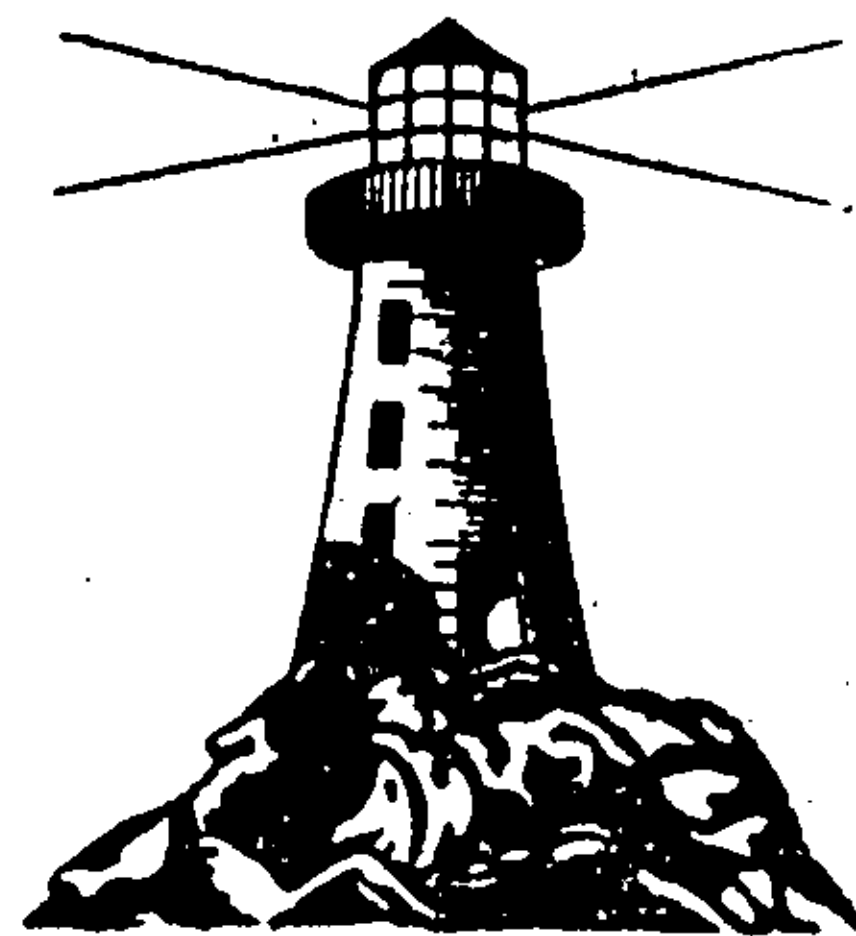
Stevens will not be at full-back, but alongside Paul in the threequarter line to the exclusion of Nicholl, while Bax, a brilliant tackler, will be at full-back. Palmer has come into the front row of the pack in place of Martin, King will partner Longmuir in the second row to the exclusion of Smart, and Gale will take King's place in the back row.

Navy gave Club a keen game in their first encounter, though they did not cross their opponents' line, and with Paul in good kicking form Club will have to avoid offside play more frequently than has been their wont in the past. Navy's back division is very sound, and if they get any support from their forwards, who are very mediocre on paper, Club are in for a gruelling afternoon.

This is Club's last Tournament game and as they have won the trophy already they may make several changes in their all-conquering team.

Following is the probable Navy team:—Lieutenant Bax; Tel. Bowden, Tel. Paul, Pay Lieutenant Stevens and Sub-Lieut. Kennedy; Lieutenant Carter and Lieutenant Commander Clark; L. S. A. Palmer, Lieutenant (E) Brown, Ldg. Wtr. Barlow, Chief Writer King, A. B. Longmuir, Ldg. Wtr. Ferris, Pay Lieutenant Charles and L. A. C. Gale.

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DESERVING WIN FOR SCOTLAND

(By "REFEREE")

IN A SCRAPPY GAME at the Valley yesterday, Scotland qualified for the Final of the "Sunday Herald" Charity Cup competition when they defeated England by two clear goals. The winners will now meet China on Easter Monday.

Only one change was made in the advertised teams, Gibbs playing at left half in place of Clarke.

England were very poor in front of goal, missing several scoring opportunities, but Duncan in Scotland's goal was in great form and brought off several good saves.

Fowler did not have much support and did not receive the passes he desired, with the result that though he was the most dangerous forward he could not make much headway. Thorburn, his inside right worked hard but held on to the ball too long and seldom sent any good passes to his other forwards. On the right wing Gardner was subdued by Gibbs and rarely showed his real form.

Saw and Thomas, both of the Middlesex, also had a poor day, the

former's passing leaving much to be desired.

ROBINSON GOOD

In defence Robinson played well between the sticks though he was taken unawares with the first goal, and Bright played hard in the pivotal position, his kicking being the main feature of his play.

On the whole Scotland deserved their win. The forwards were more businesslike in their movements.

Hossack, at centre forward, was a livewire while Pryde justified his inclusion.

Williamson, the pivot, was easily the outstanding player in defence.

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CRICKET

T. A. PEARCE, PERRY, HARVEY TAKE HONOURS AT H.K.C.C.

A BRILLIANT CENTURY by T. A. Pearce and the fine bowling of Major W. G. Harvey were the features of a high-scoring match at Hong Kong Cricket Club in the Triangular Cricket Tournament yesterday.

Pearce batted aggressively to hit two sixes and 20 boundaries. In partnership with A. E. Perry (66) he added 121 for the third wicket.

Notwithstanding the huge score of 301 compiled by Club, however, Harvey, bowling very steadily, returned an analysis of 6 for 56 in 13 overs.

Army made a strong reply to Club but never got within striking distance. Capt. Godby hit hard to score 52. In partnership with Driver Logan, who scored only 17, he added 60 runs for the fourth wicket.

Apart from 38 by Major Harvey, however, later Army batsmen made no material contribution to the score and the side were all out for 208.

McLellan was the most successful Club bowler with 7 for 76.

H.K.C.C.

J. E. Richardson, l.b.w., b Harvey	13
T. V. N. Fortescue, b Harvey	22
T. A. Pearce, c Webb, b Denyer	121
A. E. Perry, st. Grose, b Murphy	66
J. L. C. Pearce, b Harvey	11
L. T. Ride, c Grose, b Harvey	12
R. D. Gillespie, c Grose, b Harvey	4
D. I. Bosanquet, b Harvey	2
L. D. Kilbee, not out	15
D. McLellan, not out	7
Extras (B15, LB4)	19

Total (for 8 wickets, dec.) 301
S. O. Else did not bat.

Fall of Wickets:—1 for 31 (Fortescue); 2 for 83 (Richardson); 3 for 214 (Perry); 4 for 232 (T. A. Pearce); 5 for 268 (Ride); 6 for 274 (Gillespie); 7 for 275 (J. L. C. Pearce); 8 for 282 (Bosanquet).

Bowling Analysis

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Godby	3	0	14	0
Ratcliffe	8	2	34	0
Harvey	13	0	56	6
Murphy	7	0	76	1
Denyer	8	0	72	1
Swyer	3	0	30	0

ARMY

Capt. D. C. E. Grose, l.b.w., b McLellan	24
Cpl. Webb, c J. L. C. Pearce, b McLellan	3
Cpl. Murphy, c Fortescue, b McLellan	1
Capt. C. E. Godby, c Kilbee, b T. A. Pearce	52
Dvr. Logan, b McLellan	17
Major W. G. Harvey, b J. L. C. Pearce	38
Sgt. Denyer, b J. L. C. Pearce	8
Capt. A. B. Whatman, not out	16
Spr. Ratcliffe, b McLellan	18
Capt. J. F. Lawrence, b McLellan	6
Major J. E. Swyer, b McLellan	0
Extras (B22)	22

Total 208
Fall of Wickets:—1 for 4 (Webb); 2 for 6 (Murphy); 3 for 37 (Grose); 4 for 87 (Logan); 5 for 125 (Godby); 6 for 152 (Harvey); 7 for 153 (Denyer); 8 for 182 (Ratcliffe); 9 for 208 (Lawrence); 10 for 208 (Swyer).

Bowling Analysis

	O.	M.	R.	W.
McLellan	17	2	76	7
Perry	10	1	39	0
T. A. Pearce	6	0	42	1
J. L. C. Pearce	7	0	29	2

He played well up with his forwards and distributed well. His tackling and ball control were good.

Gibbs, who came into the team at the last moment, gave a sound display at left half and kept his forwards well fed with passes. Blackburn at back was steadier than Bone and watched Fowler well.

Pryde scored for Scotland early in the first half when he sent in a drive which Robinson touched but let pass. In the second half after England had done most of the attacking Hossack broke through to score.

Scotland:—Duncan, Bone, Blackburn, McEwen, Williamson, Gibbs, Munro, Pryde, Hossack, Ferrier and Tait.

England:—Robinson, Roughley, Haddy, Lidge, Bright, Wilkinson, Gardner, Thorburn, Fowler, Saw and Thomas.

Cricket Notes have been held over from to-day's issues and will appear to-morrow.

BIG SCORES BY MULCAHY ANDERSON

There was a very poor turn-out for the intra-club cricket match at Kowloon Club yesterday, only eight players for each team being raised after a good deal of canvassing.

Nevertheless it was a most enjoyable day with high scoring by W. Mulcahy's team, which, batting first, made 298 runs in just under two hours.

Mulcahy and Anderson put on over 100 for the first wicket, of which Anderson claimed the greater number, Mulcahy not having reached his 50 when Anderson was well caught by a substitute when he appeared certain to reach his 100.

Features of his innings were 13 four, and two sixes off successive balls from Mackay. Mulcahy scored most of his runs on the leg side by means of powerful hooking and pretty glances.

The bowling of Fincher's team was not good!

Fincher's XI started strongly Hung and Mackay adding 53 for the first wicket. Thereafter the side were dismissed rapidly by some steady if not brilliant bowling. Mackay batted laboriously for 66 out of 123 in 90 minutes.

W. Mulcahy's XI:—298 (W. Mulcahy 60, D. J. N. Anderson 93, S. A. Gray 28, R. Baldwin 28; E. C. Fincher 2 for 48).

E. C. Fincher's XI:—142 (N. A. E. Mackay 66, D. Hung 20; R. Baldwin 2 for 30).

RUGBY

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Navy "A" XV

Following will represent Navy "A" against R.A.M.C. on the Naval ground, Causeway Bay, to-day at 4 p.m.:—Lieutenant Bax; Marine Jeffries, Midshipman Teare, Writer Snell and Tel. Faulkner; Midshipman O'Riordan and Stoker Gallagher; Ldg. Sig. Inglis, A. B. Jeffrey, S. B. A. Davis, P. O. Williams, A. B. Longmuir, Cpl. Marron, A. B. Dixon and L. A. C. Gale.

Reserves:—A. B. Newburn, A. B. Owens and A. B. Wager.

Club "A" Fifteen

Club "A" are fielding a strong team against Police this afternoon at the Valley at 4.45 p.m.

The team is as follows: Thompson; Van Leeuwen, Day, Blawell and D. Hynes; Charter and Thompson; Stout, Salter, Walkden, Needham, Benn, Burford, Taylor and Callison.

The only first fifteen changes are Henderson, full-back, Stewart, Bosanquet and Hutchison, three-quarters, and Heasman, Bompas, Deane and Godfrey, forwards.

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INTERNEE ESCAPE SEQUEL

That they were allowed to escape from Matachung Internment Camp by an Indian constable early on December 16 and were arrested in Tam Kung Road, later by another Indian constable, who recognised them as interned soldiers, was the story related before Mr. E. Himsworth this morning when two Chinese internees gave evidence against Ghulam Hussain, 26, (PCB-60).

Hussain was charged with aiding and abetting their escape and with accepting bribes of \$15 and \$9 from them.

Hussain, who pleaded not guilty, was, after evidence, sentenced to nine months' hard labour.

Mr. Thompson, A.S.P. (Kowloon), said Hussain had served with the Police Force for seven years and his record was fairly good.

Four Indian constables, who were on observation duty at the Camp, told the Magistrate that at 2.30 a.m. they saw two Chinese allowed to leave the Camp through the main gate. (PCB-352) said he went to the gate and asked Hussain who the Chinese were and was told they were Y.M.C.A. men.

Hussain said he neither made any arrangement with Ko and Yeung nor had he received any money from them. He let them leave the Camp because each produced a pass, with photos attached.

Inspector Rogers told the Magistrate that no person was allowed to leave the Camp between 9 p.m. and 6 a.m. even with a pass.

TOO MUCH OF A TEMPTATION

THREE HONG KONG DOLLARS LYING IN THE OPEN TILL OF A CASH REGISTER ON DISPLAY IN THE SHOW-WINDOW OF THE NATIONAL CASH REGISTER COMPANY, 10, ICE HOUSE STREET, PROVED TOO STRONG A TEMPTATION FOR A MIDDLE-AGED CHINESE DURING THE NIGHT.

About 1.30 o'clock this morning, he threw a stone through the plate-glass window, helped himself to the small change and sped off down the street.

The night watchman, however, was near at hand and after a chase, caught him.

The only loser in the transaction—apart from the culprit himself—was the insurance company, which will have to pay for a new plate-glass window.

P.S.—There is no money in the window to-day.

Mrs. J. Callender, of Knutsford Hotel, has reported that her handbag, containing jewellery, valued at \$109, was either stolen or lost yesterday while she was travelling on the Star Ferry.

Mr. J. Lawrence of Kowloon Docks, has reported the theft of a clock from his car No. 5807, which was parked near the Club de Recreio yesterday afternoon.

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Tokyo, To-day.

Agitation for the resignation of the Government has been started by Japanese political parties.

At a private conference 250 members of the Lower House yesterday passed a resolution that the Cabinet should consider the question of resigning before the resumption of the Diet session on January 21.

Members of five political parties attended the meeting which was played up in most newspapers this morning.

The "Kokumin Shimbun" bluntly declares that sentiment among political parties is that the Cabinet has forfeited the confidence of the nation because of its many blunders. This sentiment, it adds, will intensify.

The "Yomiuri Shimbun" says: "A storm is bound to break out in the Diet. Opposition to the Government may reach fever pitch at which the Government may find itself fatally stricken."

The movement, according to the "Asahi Shimbun," is not engineered by political schemers but has automatically grown out of actual visits paid by Diet members to their constituencies, when they saw actual conditions. —Reuter.

Tokyo, To-day.

Japan and Soviet Russia are reported to have agreed to extend the present temporary fisheries pact for one year.

According to the "Yomiuri Shimbun," the Foreign Minister informed the Cabinet that "as a result of an exchange of views, the Japanese Ambassador in Moscow and the Soviet Foreign Commissar have been approaching each other's viewpoints, but as a measure for the immediate present they have reached a basic understanding for extension of the present temporary fisheries pact for one year."

The Foreign Minister is also stated to have reported to the Cabinet that the negotiations with the United States concerning steps to be taken after expiration of the Japan-America trade pact were progressing in an amicable atmosphere.

The attitude of the United States towards Japan, he is said to have added, was gradually improving.

Mr. Joseph Grew, the United States Ambassador, is reported to have notified Japan that the United States does not desire a state of no treaty. —Reuter.

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